

TENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH,

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened according to appointment, in the First Reformed Church, at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of May, at half past seven o'clock in the evening, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and closed its sessions on Thursday evening, June the fifth, at eleven o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in accordance with appointment, assembled in the First Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, May 28th, A. D., 1890, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a preparatory service. In the absence of the retiring president (Rev. Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D.,) the sermon on the occasion was preached by Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL.D., from Psalms 26:6: "I will wash my hands in innocency, so will I compass thine altar, O Lord."

At the close of the preparatory service the Stated Clerk (Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.,) called the synod to order, and constituted it with prayer. Thereupon, on motion, Rev. Dr. Bomberger was appointed temporary president, and the synod proceeded with the enrollment of its members, and in effecting a permanent organization.

On Thursday morning, according to appointment, the members of synod united in the celebration of the Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper, attended with appropriate and impressive services, conducted by the President. It was a truly solemn and edifying communion.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>E. Pennsylvania.</i>	Tilghman O. Stem. Harry M. Kieffer, D. D. Martin A. Smith. Charles W. Levan.	Jacob Rader. John Teel. Joel Dreisbach. J. J. Hoffman.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Jonathan E. Hiester, D. D. Samuel A. Leinbach. James B. May. (1)	Jacob K. Funck. Percival B. Edris. George Fahrenbaugh.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	John H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Edward D. Wettach. (2) John H. Sechler.	H. M. Housekeeper. John W. Bickel. J. H. Buckingham. (3)
<i>Lancaster.</i>	James I. Good, D. D. (2) Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D. Thomas G. Apple, D. D. John M. Titzel, D. D.	Hiram C. Hoover. Ezra H. Burkholder. J. E. Kershner, Ph.D. (4) Philip Bausman.
<i>E. Susquehanna.</i>	Thomas J. Hacker. J. Calvin Leinbach.	Charles C. Leader. John K. Haas. (5)
<i>W. Susquehanna.</i>	Lewis D. Steckel. David O. Shoemaker.	Daniel S. Keller. Joseph K. Moyer.
<i>Goshenhoppen.</i>	Clement Z. Weiser, D. D. Eli Keller, D. D.	Reuben Riegner. Henry E. E. Roeder.
<i>Tohickon.</i>	Jacob Kehm. Nathaniel Z. Snyder.	Martin L. Lerch. Charles Bachman. (6)
<i>Lehigh.</i>	Samuel G. Wagner, D. D. Tobias Kessler. Thomas N. Reber. (7)	Thomas F. Butz.
<i>Scharykill.</i>	Benjamin Bausman, D. D. Allen R. Bartholomew. Calvin S. Gerhard.	Daniel Miller. Dr. Jacob H. Stein. Daniel Shepp.
<i>Wyoming.</i>	John A. Peters, D. D. Alfred Hontz.	Daniel Clinger. Thomas L. Clapp.

1. Rev. Thomas C. Leinbach *secundus* occupied the seat of Rev. May *primarius* from Monday afternoon to the close of the sessions.
2. Rev. Henry T. Spangler *secundus* occupied the seat of Rev. Wettach *primarius* on Monday and that of Rev. Dr. Good during the last day of the sessions.
3. Elder Wm. H. Schall *secundus* took seat of Elder Buckingham *primarius* from Monday to close of the sessions.
4. Elder Wm. A. Neitshu occupied the seat of Elder Kershner from and after Monday.
5. Elder Henry H. Conrad *secundus* occupied the seat of Elder Haas *primarius* from and after Monday.
6. He took his seat on Monday morning.
7. Rev. Dr. Wm. R. Hofford *primarius* on Monday morning superseded Rev. Thomas N. Reber, *secundus*, who again resumed the seat on Wednesday morning.

FROM THE OHIO SYNOD.

<i>Miami.</i>	Michael Loucks.	Victor P. Van Horne.
	Alpheus E. Baichly.	Horace Ankeney.
	George Z. Mechling.	Benjamin Kuhns.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	G. Wm. H. Smith.	
	John A. Seitz.	
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Sebastian C. Goss, D. D.	John C. Kremer.
	John C. Schaaf.	Jacob P. Zimmerman.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	David Van Horne, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Henry Stoner.
	George W. Williard, D. D.	
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John H. Bomberger.	Josiah Rohrbaugh.
	Reuben Keller.	J. Hiram Smith.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	William H. Xanders.	

FROM SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

<i>Zion's.</i>	Charles F. Kriete.	Adolph Stolte.
	Henry W. Vitz.	Rudolph Boerger.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	Frank Grether.	
<i>Indiana.</i>	William F. Horstmeier.	Frederick W. Hoff.
	Gottfried J. Reiche.	Herman Preefer.
	Ernst W. Henschen.	
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Henry C. Nott.	
<i>Minnesota.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Nebraska.</i>	Edmund Erb.	Henry Griess (?)
<i>Ursinus.</i>	Elias E. Gruenstein.	
<i>Missouri.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Chicago.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>South Dakota.</i>	(No members present.)	

FROM THE PITTSBURG SYNOD.

<i>Westmoreland.</i>	Albert E. Truxal.	Stephen C. Remsberg.
	Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher.	William R. Barnhart.
<i>Clarion.</i>	Wm. Wilberforce Deatrick.	
	Robert C. Bowling.	William D. Hartman.
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	John M. Schick.	Christian M. Boush.
<i>Somerset.</i>	Abner R. Kremer.	Cyrus W. Truxal.
	Andrew J. Heller.	John Musser.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	John H. Prugh.	JOHN M. Conroy.
	Edgar S. Hassler.	

FROM SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

<i>Zion's.</i>	Aaron Wanner, D. D. (S)	John H. Bowman.
	Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	Israel Laucks.

s. Rev. Ambrose D. Gring *secundus* occupied the seat of Rev. Dr. Aaron Wanner *primarius* during the afternoon and evening sessions of the last day.

<i>Maryland.</i>	Simon S. Miller.	John A. Steiner.
	John G. Noss.	John C. Hoffman.
	J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Goldsborough S. Griffith.
<i>Mercersburg.</i>	William C. Cremer. (9)	Jacob Heyser.
	Jacob Hassler.	Joseph Fuss.
<i>Virginia.</i>	John A. Hoffheins.	Henry J. Seibert.
	Alpha K. Kline.	Daniel S. Rentch.
<i>North Carolina.</i>	Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	
<i>Gettysburgh.</i>	John C. Bowman.	
	Thomas J. Barkley.	Joseph Gelbach.
<i>Carlisle.</i>	Amos H. Kremer, D. D.	Francis M. McKeehan.
	William I. Stewart.	
<i>Juniata.</i>	Cyrus J. Musser.	Job M. Shoemaker.
	Calvin U. Heilman.	Samuel Sprankle.
<i>San Francisco.</i>	(No members present.)	
<i>Portland-Oregon.</i>	(No members present.)	

FROM GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

<i>New York.</i>	John Kuelling, D. D.	Henry Berge.
	John F. Busche, D. D.	John Lutz.
<i>West New York.</i>	Frederick Schaad.	
<i>Ger. Philadelphia.</i>	Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	George M. Ehrlen.
	Frederick W. Berleman.	
<i>Ger. Maryland.</i>	John C. Hauser.	Martin Hoengen.
<i>W. Pennsylvania.</i>	Charles A. Linberg.	

FROM THE CENTRAL SYNOD.

<i>Heidelberg.</i>	Peter Greding, D. D.	John S. Zimmerman.
	Philip Ruhl.	
<i>Erie.</i>	Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D.	
	J. H. C. Roentgen.	
	Frederick Forwick.	
<i>St. John's.</i>	Jacob Dahlman, D. D.	John Kling.
	Frederick Strassner.	Augustus Deneke.
<i>Cincinnati.</i>	John Bachman.	George F. Wendel.
	Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D	

FROM SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.

<i>Illinois.</i>	Henry Bair.	
<i>Iowa.</i>	G. Dickie Gurley. (10)	Gabriel K. Miller.
<i>Kansas.</i>	Albert G. Lohman.	
<i>Wichita.</i>	John W. Love. (11)	
<i>Lincoln.</i>	Thomas F. Stauffer.	

9. Rev. Cyrus Cort *secundus* on Thursday morning the ninth day, took the seat of Rev. Cremer *primarius* and continued therein to the close of the sessions.

10. Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse during part of the time occupied the seat of Rev. G. Dickie Gurley.

11. Rev. Dennis B. Shuey *secundus* from Tuesday morning on occupied the seat of Rev. John W. Love, *primarius*.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT FROM

East Pennsylvania Classis.—Revs. Daniel F. Brendle, D. D., Silas P. Manger, James W. Mabry, Gustavus A. Schwedes.

Lebanon Classis.—Revs. David E. Klopp, D. D., Henry Hilbisch, Thomas C. Leinbach, Henry J. Welker, Oscar P. Steckel, George B. Resser, Thomas M. Yundt, Eli E. Hiester.

Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Leighton G. Kremer, Joseph H. Hendricks, Charles E. Wehler, James Crawford, D. D., George H. Johnston, D. D., Henry T. Spangler, Francis C. Yost, Jerome B. Henry, Charles G. Fisher, Edwin C. Hibshman.

Elder J. Y. Dietz.

Lancaster Classis.—Revs. Theodore Appel, D. D., Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., John P. Stein, Darius W. Gerhard, A. C. Whitmer, James W. Meminger, Warren J. Johnson, J. Stewart Hartman, Samuel M. Roeder, John F. Moyer, Richard C. Scheidt, George F. Mull, Ellis N. Kremer, William F. Lichliter, Milton H. Sangree, Jonathan H. Pannepecker, Daniel C. Tobias, George W. Snyder, John M. Souder, Stephen Sweitzer.

Elders.—George W. Hensel, William H. Seibert, George De Huff.

East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. Joshua H. Derr, Charles H. Mutchler, George J. Lisberger, George B. Dechant, Tilghman Derr.

Goshenhoppen Classis.—Rev. Joseph E. Freeman.

Tohickon Classis.—Revs. James G. Dengler, Jacob G. Dubbs, Benjamin B. Ferer.

Lehigh Classis.—Revs. William M. Reily, Ph.D., Alfred P. Horn, Nev-in W. Helfrich, James A. Reber, Alfred J. G. Dubbs, D. D.

Schuylkill Classis.—Revs. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., Aaron S. Leinbach, D. D., John W. Steinmetz, Rufus W. Miller, Henry K. Binkley.

Wyoming Classis.—Revs. David W. Ebbert, Edward D. Miller, Aaron Noll, A. M. Masonheimer, George S. Sorber.

Miami Classis.—Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.

Tuscarawas Classis.—Rev. Rufus C. Zartman.

Eastern Ohio Classis.—Revs. John J. Leberman, John M. Kendig.

Clarion Classis.—Rev. David B. Lady.

St. Paul's Classis.—Rev. Thomas S. Land.

Allegheny Classis.—Elder Bernard Wolff.

Zion's Classis (Potomac Synod).—Revs. Ambrose D. Gring, Aaron H. Leiss, Isaac N. Peightel, Henry A. Bomberger.

Elder Peter C. Wiest.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. David A. Souders, Conrad Clever, D. D., Geo. A. Whitmore, U. Henry Heilman, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Adam S. Weber, E. Ranson Deatrick, Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., G. Albert Snyder.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, D. D., George B. Russell, D. D., Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner, Cyrus Cort.

Gettysburgh Classis.—Rev. David N. Dittmar.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. J. David Miller, Silas L. Messinger, Abram B. Stoner.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. Cyrus H. Reiter, Joel W. Alspach, William A. Long, James B. Stonesifer.

San Francisco Classis.—Rev. Theodore G. De Lyre.

German Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. A. Emil Dahlman, Peter H. Dippell, Levi K. Derr.

German Maryland Classis.—Rev. Aug. E. F. Schade.

Wichita Classis.—Rev. Dennis B. Shuey.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. William J. R. Taylor, D. D., Reformed Church in America.

“ John A. De Baun, D. D., “ “ “

“ George D. Matthews, D. D., Presbyterian Church.

“ Charles Evans, “ “

“ D. B. Durrell, Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., *President*, Collegeville, Pa.

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., *Vice President*, Hagerstown, Md.

Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., *Vice President*, Cleveland, O.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, O.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., *Assistant Clerk*, Akron, O.

Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *Cor. Secretary*, Easton, Pa.

Mr. Christian G. Gross, *Treasurer*, Phila., Pa.

On motion, during the afternoon session on Thursday, Rev. John C. Bowman was elected English Reading Clerk, and Rev. Frederick W. Berleman, German Reading Clerk, for the present sessions of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order heretofore adopted, and designed for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in the United States, was observed by the General Synod in the transaction of business.

The *Bar of the House* was defined to be the last three posts in the rear of the auditorium.

On motion, with respect to the time of opening and closing the sessions of synod, it was

Resolved, That the daily sessions of this synod be opened at 9 o'clock A. M., and close at 5 o'clock P. M., with a recess between the hours of 11.30 o'clock A. M., and 2 o'clock P. M.

Evening sessions were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the sixth, the seventh, the eighth, and the ninth days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following standing committees were announced by the president:
RELIGIOUS SERVICES: *Ministers*—Dr. David E. Klopp, Dr. Jonathan E. Hiester, Abner R. Kremer, Dr. Nicholas Gehr, Dr. Harrison H. W. Hibshman, George B. Ressor, Oscar P. Steckel. *Elders*—Jacob K. Funck, and Daniel Miller.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

Minutes of General Synod. *Ministers*—Geo. Z. Mechling, J. Calvin Leinbach, Charles F. Kriete, John M. Schick, Simon S. Miller. *Elders*—Daniel S. Keller and Victor P. Van Horne.

Minutes of Eastern Synod. *Ministers*—Dr. Aaron Wanner, Andrew J. Heller, Dr. John Kuelling. *Elders*—Henry Boesel and Gabriel K. Miller.

Minutes of Ohio Synod. *Ministers*—Samuel A. Leinbach, J. H. C. Roentgen, Edward D. Wettach. *Elders*—Jacob Rader and F. W. Hoff.

Minutes of Synod of Northwest. *Ministers*—Dr. John F. Busche, Frederick Strassner, Martin A. Smith. *Elders*—George M. Ehrlen and Reuben Riegner.

Minutes of Pittsburgh Synod. *Ministers*—Dr. Eli Keller, Michael Loucks, Thomas J. Barkley. *Elders*—Charles C. Leader and George F. Wendel.

Minutes of Synod of Potomac. *Ministers*—Calvin S. Gerhard, Reuben Keller, Albert E. Truxal. *Elders*—Jacob P. Zimmerman and Jacob Rader.

Minutes of German Synod of East. *Ministers*—William F. Horstmeier, John Bachman, Jacob Kehm. *Elders*—John K. Haas and Daniel Shepp.

Minutes of the Central Synod. *Ministers*—John C. Hauser, Alfred Houtz, Frederick Schaad. *Elders*—F. W. Hoff and John Lutz.

Minutes of Synod of the Interior. *Ministers*—Dr. Peter Greeding, John A. Hoffheins, Thomas N. Reber. *Elders*—John Kling and John S. Zimmerman.

MINUTES OF CLASSES:

English. *Ministers*—David O. Shoemaker, John A. Seitz, Andrew J. Heller, Dr. Jacob C. Clapp. *Elders*—Jacob Heyser, and John H. Bowman.

- German. Ministers*—Frederick W. Berleman, Henry W. Vitz, John C. Hauser. *Elders*—Martin Hoengen and Herman Preefer.
- OVERTURES: *Ministers*—Dr. Thomas G. Apple, John C. Schaaf, William C. Cremer. *Elders*—Ezra H. Burkholder and Samuel Sprankle.
- CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES: *Ministers*—Dr. Geo. W. Willard, Dr. Benjamin Bausman, Dr. Emanuel V. Gerhart. *Elders*—John W. Bickel and Benjamin Kuhns.
- STATE OF THE CHURCH: *Ministers*—Dr. John A. Peters, Dr. Sebastian C. Goss, Frederick Forwick, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter. *Elders*—Henry E. E. Roeder and H. M. Housekeeper.
- HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—John H. Prugh, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Dr. Nicholas Gehr. *Elders*—Hiram C. Hoover and Lewis Keller.
- FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Dr. John M. Titzel, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, Elias E. Gruenstein. *Elders*—J. Harry Buckingham and John C. Kremer.
- ORPHANS' HOMES: *Ministers*—Dr. David Van Horne, Dr. Jacob Dahlgren, Dr. Samuel G. Wagner, Robert C. Bowling. *Elders*—J. J. Hoffman and J. M. Conroy.
- NOMINATIONS: *Ministers*—Dr. James I. Good, Dr. Harry M. Kieffer, Alpheus E. Baichly. *Elders*—J. Harry Buckingham and Rudolph Boeger.
- FINANCE: *Ministers*—G. Wm. H. Smith, Thomas J. Hacker, James B. May. *Elders*—Charles C. Leader and Henry Stoner.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Three copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod, both in the English and the German language, were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod.

2. The required copies of Minutes of the several district synods, for the three years intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, were received through the respective stated clerks, and referred respectively to the several standing committees on the minutes of the different district synods.

3. The minutes of the following classes were received and referred to the Standing Committees on Minutes of Classes, namely: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster, (Eastern Synod), East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Goshenhoppen, Tohickon, Lehigh, Schnylkill, Wyoming, Miami, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Zion's, (N. W.

Synod). Sheboygan, Indiana. Milwaukee, Minnesota. Ursinus, Westmoreland, Clarion. St. Paul's, Somerset, Allegheny, Maryland. Mercersburg, Virginia. North Carolina. Gettysburg, Carlisle. Juniata. San Francisco. Portland-Oregon, New York. West New York. German Philadelphia. German Maryland, St. John's, Cincinnati. Illinois. Iowa. Kansas, Wichita and Lincoln.

4. The reports of the Board of Home Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

5. The reports of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and of its treasurer were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

6. The reports of the Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes of the General Synod, and of the Boards of Managers of the Orphans' Homes at Womelsdorf, Pa., at Butler, Pa., and at Ft. Wayne, Ind., were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes.

7. The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

8. Various other official communications and documents, having reference to different subjects, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures, whose report see for particulars.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod, during its present sessions, observed religious services as follows:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services would present the following report:

FRIDAY EVENING.—Church Work Convention. Subject, "Church Work for Young People Among Young People." Dr. Jas. I. Good, J. W. Bickel, Esq., Elder Victor Van Horne.

SUNDAY.—First Church, morning, German, Rev. John Kuelling, D. D. Evening, English, Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D. Sunday-school, two P. M., Rev. J. H. Sechler, Elder Victor P. Van Horne.

St. John's Reformed Church.—Saturday evening, preparatory services, Rev. E. R. Eshbach, D. D. Sunday morning, 10:30, re-opening, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D. Evening, (communion,) Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D. Sunday-school, two P. M., Elders John W. Bickel and Jacob Heyser.

St. Mark's Reformed Church.—Sunday, 10:15 A. M., Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D. Evening, 7:15, Rev. L. D. Steckel.

Salem's Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, German, Rev. J. M. Schick. Evening, English, Rev. T. J. Hacker.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. H. Prugh. Evening, Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan, D. D.

Fourth Street Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 10:30 A. M., Rev. G. Z. Mechling. Evening, Rev. J. W. Love.

Trinity United Brethren Church.—Sunday evening, Rev. Jacob Hassler.

Seventh Street Lutheran Church.—Sunday, 10 A. M., German, Rev. F. Forwick. Evening, English, Rev. J. H. Bomberger.

Christ Presbyterian Church.—Sunday, 11 A. M., Rev. F. F. Bahner. Evening, Rev. A. J. Heller.

Moravian Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. Edmund Erb. Evening, Rev. A. D. Gring.

Centennial M. E. Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. E. D. Wettach. Evening, Rev. Cyrus Cort.

Third United Brethren Church.—Sunday evening, Rev. A. Houtz.

Chestnut Street Evangelical Church.—Sunday morning, German, Rev. J. Otto Vitz. Evening, English, Rev. R. C. Zartman.

Eighth Street Evangelical Church.—Sunday morning, Rev. A. E. Truxal. Evening, Rev. D. G. Gurley.

Hummelstown.—Sunday morning and evening, Rev. E. S. Hassler.

Salem Church, Harrisburg, Pa.—Sunday morning and evening, Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.

Jonestown, Pa—Rev. Tobias Kessler.

Pine Grove, Pa.—German, Sunday morning and afternoon, and English in evening, Rev. W. H. Xanders.

Kutztown Normal School Chapel.—Rev. J. G. Noss.

Zion's German Church, Reading.—Rev. E. E. Guenstein.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EARNEST KLOPP, *Chairman.*

The religious services, as appointed by the aforesaid committee, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod beg leave to report the following items as claiming the attention of this body, viz:

Item 1, page 38. *a)* The corresponding secretary was directed to forward the fraternal greetings of this body to the Reformed Alliance of Germany at its meeting in the Province of Lippe, in August, 1887. *b)* Rev. Frederick Forwick was appointed delegate to said meeting.

Item 2, page 42. Appointment of delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 3, page 47. A Committee on Union was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Reformed Church in America.

Item 4, page 49. Appointment *a)* of delegates to Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, meeting in London, England, in 1888; *b)* officers of synod to fill vacancies that may occur in our representation.

Item 5, pages 70 and 71. *a)* The district synods were requested to open the way for the unification of our Home Missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod at the earliest practicable date. *b)* The Board of Home Missions was authorized to appoint a general superintendent.

Item 6, pages 84 and 90. The synod is required to provide for the vacancies occurring in *a)* the Board of Home Mis-

sions, *b*) the Board of Foreign Missions, *c*) the Board of Directors of Orphans' Homes.

Item 7, page 90. A collection was ordered to be taken in the several churches, in the month of September, for the use of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Item 8, pages 94 and 95. *a*) Instruction to Sunday-school Board to annually prepare services for Christmas and Children's Day. *b*) Instructions to same board to issue for the use of the whole church, an Instructor for Teachers and other Lesson Papers. *c*) The successors of the members composing the present board must be elected by the synod.

Item 9, page 97. Instructions to Sunday-school Board to take the subject of Children's Day under its supervision.

Item 10, page 106. The constitution as revised was sent down for the approval or rejection of the several classes.

Item 11, page 150. Appointment of committee to translate the Directory of Worship into German.

Item 12, page 151. Collection of hymns selected by Revs. John M. Schick and Hiram King was referred to a special committee, and on its recommendation a Committee on Hymn Book was appointed, to whom said book was referred for examination, with instructions to present a hymnal to the next General Synod for approval.

Item 13, page 153. Appointment of committee to prepare a digest of decisions.

Item 14, page 155. Organization of a new synod authorized, and Rev. D. S. Fouse appointed to preside at the organization.

Item 15, page 157. Appointment of committee to revise, prepare and print formulas in the English and the German language.

Item 16, page 163. Apportionments to the several synods

Item 14, page 163. Instruction to the Treasurer of Synod respecting payment of accounts for publication of Directory of Worship.

Item 18, page 164. Publication of minutes ordered.

Item 19, page 166. Appointment of committee upon railroad arrangements. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. Z. MECHLING, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: In item 1, *a*) was

not attended to, and *b*) attended to, and for report see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; and for action and reports in items 2 and 4 see also the aforesaid Article; items 3, 5, 10 and 14 were adopted; item 6 was adopted and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; for action in item 7 see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action and reports in item 8, including *a*, *b*, and *c*, and item 9, see Article XV., Sunday-schools; for action and reports in items 11, 12, 13 and 15 see Article XVIII., Church Government; items 16 and 17 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance; for report in item 18 see Article XXI., Publication; for action in item 19 see Article XXIII., Miscellaneous.

II. MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods, presented respectfully their reports, which were received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports with the action thereon are as follows:

1. *The Eastern Synod.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the Eastern Synod, for 1887, 1888 and 1889, submitted their report, which is as follows:

Item 1. This synod has taken favorable action on all the business referred to it by General Synod.

Item 2, page 68. Minutes of 1887, is an appeal to General Synod by Rev. G. B. Dechant, from the action of this synod on a complaint brought against East Susquehanna Classis.

Item 3, page 54. Minutes of 1888, is the suggestion of this synod, in case the General Synod adopt the theory of unification, that it direct its board to elect its executive officers with due regard to the German and English languages.

Item 4, pages 54 and 55. This synod suggests that, if the theory of unification be adopted, the money contributed by German congregations be applied for the support of German Missions, and the money contributed by English congregations be applied in the support of English Missions, and that money contributed by congregations in part English and in part German, be applied in the support of missions in which the services are conducted in both languages.

Item 5, pages 85, 86 and 89, is the change of the name of this synod. This change is made by the insertion of the word Eastern before the word Synod, so that the same shall be known as the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States. Respectfully submitted,

AARON WANNER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 3 and 5 were adopted; for action in item 2 see Article XVIII, Church Government; item 4 was adopted, and on motion it was

Resolved, That the synod does not approve of the suggestion.

2. *The Ohio Synod.*

The Committee on Minutes of the Ohio Synod beg leave to report the following items:

Item 1. Ohio Synod adopts the Rules of Order as amended for its government to which General Synod directs the attention of the District Synods. Page 6, of year 1887.

Item 2. Ohio Synod unites in the request of the Central Synod that the Board of Foreign Missions shall reconsider its action and retain our mission and property in Tokio. Page 44, of year 1887.

Item 3. Ohio Synod's Sunday-school Board instructed to execute General Synod's request as early as possible, was adopted by the Synod of Ohio. Page 88, of year 1887.

Item 4. Ohio Synod adopts the Overture of General Synod with reference to the Society of Ministerial Relief. Page 75, of year 1887.

Item 5. Ohio Synod commits its missionary work to the Home Mission Board of General Synod, conditionally. Page 39, of year 1888.

Item 6. Ohio Synod promises to give all possible assistance to the Mission Board of General Synod in its great responsibility. Page 28, of year 1889.

Item 7. The Ohio Synod adopts General Synod's apportionment for contingent and other expenses. Page 18, of year 1887. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. LEINBACH, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were adopted; item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

3. *Synod of the Northwest.*

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest begs leave to report that

Item 1. Synod took notice of the several recommendations of General Synod and adopted them. Page 12, of year 1887.

Item 2. A request to General Synod to allow them to carry on their Home Mission work as heretofore by their own board. Page 51, of year 1889, because they deem it inexpedient to have their District Board merged into the General Board.

Item 3. Page 13, of year 1889. The constitution was adopted by Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Minnesota, and Ursinus Classis. Nebraska Classis feels incompetent to adopt or reject the constitution. Missouri Classis rejects the constitution. South Dakota adopts the constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BUSCHE, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted; item 2 referred to the Board of Home Missions; item 3 adopted as amended; and the report was adopted as a whole.

4. *The Pittsburgh Synod.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburgh Synod beg leave to report, that we have received and examined the Minutes of said Synod, and find the following items, claiming our attention.

Item 1. Synod accedes to the request, to have Sunday-school aids prepared by a committee appointed for that purpose by this synod. Minutes of 1887, page 7.

Item 2. It knows of no such law as restricts its missionary work to their own territory. Minutes of 1887, page 21.

Item 3. Synod accedes to the request, to carry forward their Home Missionary work in such a manner as to open the way for unification. Minutes of 1887, page 21.

Item 4. It favors annual meetings of the Board of Foreign Missions. Minutes of 1887, page 22.

Item 5. Synod made apportionments in aid of this synod's work. Minutes of 1889, page 48.

Item 6. It placed its missions, from January 1st, 1890, under the care of this Synod's Board. Minutes of 1889, page 48.

Item 7. It continued its Mission Board, as advisory to the General Board. Minutes of 1889, page 48.

Item 8. It warmly endorses, both Home and Foreign Mission work. Minutes of 1889, page 48.

Item 9. Synod resolves, to aid the Society for Relief of Ministers and their widows, to such an extent that their own clerical annuitants, that they may receive each annually, at least \$200, a sum in addition to what said society will give. Minutes of 1889, page 46. Respectfully submitted,

ELI KELLER, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed as follows: All of its nine (9) items were adopted; and then the report was adopted as a whole.

5. *Synod of the Potomac.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Potomac Synod offer the following report.

Item 1, page 11, Minutes of 1887. Synod adopted the amended Rules of Order of the General Synod as its Rules of Order.

Item 2, page 45. Synod acquiesces in the General Synod's request, respecting the unification of our Sunday-school literature.

Item 3, page 56. Synod took favorable action on the Minutes of General Synod calling the attention of Synod to the great evil of intemperance.

Item 4, page 37, item 5, page 39. Minutes of 1887. Synod requests the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions to take steps to transfer its missions to the control and management of the General Synod's Board at as early a date as practicable after the General Synod shall indicate the manner by which such unification can be effected. In 1889 the synods adopted the action that the Tri-Synodic compact be continued for another term of four years, unless the synods in the meantime order otherwise.

Item 5, page 48, Minutes of 1889. Synod overtures General Synod to appoint a committee to confer with committees of other churches, with a view to the preparation of Sunday-school lessons in accordance with the scriptural and historical order of the church year. Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted. For action in item 5 see Article XV, Sunday-schools.

6. *German Synod of the East.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, would respectfully call the attention of General Synod to the following items:

Item 1, pages 7 and 8, Minutes of 1887. Synod adopted the revised Rules of Order.

Item 2, page 25. Synod agrees to accept the Harbor Mission work, trusting in the help of God, and looking for the promised pecuniary aid from General Synod.

Item 3, page 7, Minutes of 1888. Synod accepts the censure of General Synod for failing to furnish the prescribed minutes.

Item 4, page 7 and 8. Synod accedes to, and adopts the following references:

a.) The limitation of the work of Missions within its own boundaries.

b.) That pastor shall at least once a year, preach on the subject of Foreign Missions and at the same time raise a collection for that purpose.

c.) It recommends the cause of Orphans' Homes.

d.) The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

e.) State and International Sunday-school Associations.

f.) The appointment of a Children's Day.

g.) Our Literary and Theological Institutions, recommends them to the prayers of the church, and provides for them for a collection at the time of the Annual Reformation Festival.

Item 5, pages 8 and 53. This synod takes due notice of the recommendations, regards measures against the vice of intemperance, devotes a whole day in discussing the matter and passes a number of resolutions, protesting against its practice. To which action the attention of your reverend body is particularly called.

Item 6, page 8 and 9. The recommendations of General Synod with reference to the publication of Lesson Helps and Sunday-school Hymn Books, was not accepted because of the facilities which this synod has in common with her sister

synods in the German Publishing House, at Cleveland, Ohio, which it believes to be sufficient for all her wants in the line of Sunday-school literature.

Item 7, page 15. Synod takes notice of the action of the different classes in regard to such items that had been referred to them by General Synod.

Item 8, page 15. New York and West New York Classes, accept the New Constitution, the former desiring a revision of the German translation. In regard to the German Philadelphia, German Maryland, and West Pennsylvania Classes it cannot be ascertained from the minutes what action they have taken.

Item 9, page 31. With regard to the unification of the work of Missions under the Board of General Synod, as recommended, the following action was taken by the German Synod of the East.

In view of the many differences with respect to the various relations in the German part of our church work towards that of the English, synod does not think that such a *union* would help to advance her work, wherefore it resolved not to sanction it.

In 1889 a similar resolution was passed stating that after due consideration with regard to giving up our work to the Board of Missions of General Synod, it is our opinion that our German work would suffer very materially, hence we cannot assent to it. Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. HORSTMEIER, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: All of its nine (9) items, together with all of the sub-items under item 4, were adopted; and then the report was adopted as a whole.

7. *The Central Synod.*

Your committee on the Minutes of the Central Synod beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1, page 14, 1887. The Central Synod has complied with all the requests of the General Synod with the exception of the item in regard to the General Sunday School Board, inasmuch as they cannot see for the present, the propriety of such Board for the publication of German Sunday-school literature. (Page 68.)

Item 2, page 8, 1888. The Central Synod asks the General Synod to bring about a harmony in the Sunday-school lessons with the church year.

Item 3, page 50, 1889. The Central Synod asks the General Synod to allow them to carry on their mission work in the future in the same manner as heretofore, since it has proved highly successful in the past.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN C. HAUSER,
Chairman.

The report was disposed of by the adoption of the three (3) items contained therein, and of the report as a whole.

8. *Synod of the Interior.*

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Interior, beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1, page 155. The ministers and delegated elders of Northern Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Wichita Classes assembled according to the instruction given them by your reverend body at your meeting in Akron, Ohio, in 1887, in General Convention in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday, September 29th, 1887 at 7.30 P. M. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. S. Fouse. The meeting of synod was constituted with prayer by Rev. D. S. Fouse and a permanent organization effected, and synod duly incorporated by the adoption of a charter secured from the State of Kansas.

Item 2, page 9. Synod adopted the name of, "The Synod of the Interior, of the Reformed Church in the United States".

Item 3, page 9. Amendments to the Rules of Order, adopted.

Item 4, pages 21, 69. Synod earnestly commends the sacred cause of missions to the classes and congregations of this synod.

Item 5, page 70. Synod believes that the missionary operations of the whole church should be under the Board of General Synod and pledges hearty co-operation to bring about this desire of the General Synod as soon as practicable.

Item 6, page 163. Synod assumes \$73 of the amount apportioned by the General Synod to the Ohio Synod.

Item 7, page 167. Synod declares in favor of prohibiting

the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink as a beverage, and calls upon all its members to use all their influence for the abolition of this evil.

Item 8, page 95. Synod resolves, that as far as practicable the literature of our own publication houses be used in our Sunday-schools. Respectfully submitted,

PETER GREDING, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: The eight (8) items were adopted, and then the report was adopted as a whole. In connection with item 1, item 14 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod was taken up and adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

1. *English Classes.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the English Classes submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and as amended adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

Your Committee on the Official Minutes of the English Classes, offer the following for the consideration of this synod:

Official reports of the following classes were placed in our hands, viz: East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Lancaster, (Eastern Synod,) Philadelphia, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, St. Paul, Allegheny, Juniata, Tuscarawas, Clarion, Eastern Ohio, Westmoreland, Mercersburg, Somerset, Gettysburg, Tohickon, Carlisle, Wichita, North Carolina, Wyoming, Kansas, Miami, Schuylkill, Tiffin, Iowa, Virginia, Maryland, Lincoln, Portland, San Francisco, Goshenhoppen, Lehigh.

On careful examination we found the following items claiming the attention of your reverend body:

Item 1. The following classes report that they have taken favorable action on all the recommendations of General Synod: Tohickon, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Miami, Iowa, Virginia, Maryland, Lehigh.

Item 2. In reference to the new constitution: (a). The following classes approved its adoption at their first annual meeting after the last meeting of the General Synod: Mercersburg, Somerset, St. Paul, West Susquehanna, Iowa, Tiffin,

Virginia, Westmoreland, Juniata, Gettysburg, Tohickon, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, Clarion, Miami, Lehigh. (b). The following classes reported against the adoption at their first annual meeting after the last meeting of the General Synod: East Pennsylvania, Wyoming. (c). The following classes approved its adoption at subsequent annual meetings: Allegheny, Goshenhoppen, Eastern Ohio, Maryland. (d). The following classes rejected it at subsequent meetings: Kansas, Lebanon, Wichita, North Carolina, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Illinois, Carlisle. (e). The following classes took no action at all: San Francisco, Portland-Oregon, Lincoln.

Item 3. Westmoreland Classis overtures the General Synod to take action toward supplying the Hungarians and Germans of the Connelsville-Coke region with the gospel.

Item 4. Wichita Classis overtures the General Synod to transfer a certain church property at Emporia, Kansas, to the Synod of the Interior, and accompanies the request with a blank form of a quit claim deed for that purpose.

Item 5. The same classis overtures this synod to so amend the Constitution of the Church that each ecclesiastical body shall pay the traveling expenses of its members.

Item 6. Eastern Ohio Classis overtures the General Synod to lay down a positive rule whereby adult baptisms and confirmations may be classified.

Item 7. Schuylkill Classis overtures General Synod to enter into correspondence with the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in order to make arrangements to place said society under its care.

Item 8. Somerset Classis requests that this synod's Sunday-school Board make original scripture selections for our Sunday-schools in harmony with the observed festivals.

Item 9. Wyoming Classis requests the General Synod to give a deliverance on the question, as to whether it is permissible under any circumstances to depart from the mode of baptism which has prevailed in the Reformed Church.

Item 10. The West Susquehanna Classis asks the General Synod for a decision, as to whether a sentence of excommunication, when an appeal has been taken, should be forthwith publicly pronounced, or whether the announcement should be withheld, pending final disposition of said appeal.

Item 11. The same classis overtures General Synod to submit to the classes an amendment to the constitution, embodying the same or similar questions as contained in Article 49 of the old constitution.

Item 12. Wichita Classis respectfully requests General Synod to pay half the traveling expenses of the delegates to this meeting.

Item 13. Lincoln Classis overtures this General Synod to take such action as will awaken in the church a broader view, warmer sympathy, and increased liberality in the work of missions.

Item 14. The same classis requests this synod to appoint one or more persons to co-operate with superintendents Revs. D. B. Shuey and D. S. Fouse, in gathering and saving to the church our material in important places and centers in our vast territory.

Item 15. (*a*). The same classis requests this synod to consider and take such action as may facilitate the complete union of the two specifically Reformed Churches in this country with the least possible delay. (*b*). That if it is not practicable to unite organically with the Reformed Church in America, efforts be made immediately to co-operate or unite the two churches in the mission work in the West.

Item 16. The Philadelphia Classis overtures the General Synod to donate a certain sum of money for the use of the seminary in Berlin, Prussia.

Item 17. The same classis overtures this synod to call the attention of the classes to Article 139, Constitution of the Reformed Church, and ask them to report the number of congregations which have no weekly prayer meetings held in their congregations.

Item 18. The same classis overtures the General Synod to send up to the General Council of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, which is to convene at Toronto, Canada, in 1892, a request to take into consideration the adjustment of the Home Mission work.

Item 19. Kansas Classis overtures the General Synod to amend the constitution so as to provide for the payment of the traveling expenses of all delegates.

Item 20. Illinois Classis overtures the General Synod to amend Articles 7 and 88 in the new constitution.

21. Mercersburg Classis requests that the new constitution be subjected to an early revision.

NOTE.—No reports were received from the Classes of Zion, (Potomac Synod,) St. Joseph and Lancaster, (Ohio Synod).

Respectfully submitted.

DAVID O. SHOEMAKER, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows:

Items 1, 13, 15 with *a* and *b* and 18 were adopted; for action and reports in items 2 including *a, b, c, d,* and *e.* 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20 and 21. see Article XVIII., Church Government; for action in item 16 see Article XI. Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 3 was referred to the Committee on Missions; item 7 was referred to the Society for Relief of Ministers and their Widows; for action in item 8, see Article XV., Sunday-schools; item 14 was referred to the General Board of Home Missions.

2. *German Classes.*

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the German Classes, during Tuesday morning session, submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

Reports from the following classes were placed in our hands: New York, West New York, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Zion's, Sheboygan, Indiana, Milwaukee, Ursinus, Minnesota and St. John's.

Item 1. In relation to the revised constitution: (*a*). The following classes approve of the adoption of the constitution at their first annual meetings after General Synod: Ursinus, St. John's and West New York, and at their subsequent meetings, Indiana and Minnesota Classes. (*b*). The following classes also approve of the adoption of the constitution, but desire a change of one or more of its articles: at the first annual meeting, New York, Milwaukee, Zion's, Cincinnati, German Maryland, German Philadelphia; and at a subsequent meeting, Sheboygan Classis. (*c*). German Philadelphia, Maryland and St. John's Classes recommend changes of Articles 56, 60, 84, 91, 104 and 138. New York Classis asks

for a revision of the German translation, and also a change of Articles 84, 104 and 138. Cincinnati Classis requests General Synod to change Article 6, also to make provision for a good German translation. Milwaukee Classis asks General Synod to change Article 7. Zion's Classis takes exception to Article 94. Sheboygan Classis requests a change of Articles 67, 130, 135, 140, also that a correct translation be furnished.

Item 2. The organization of Women's Missionary Societies is approved of by the classis of Indiana, Cincinnati; the other classes take no action.

Item 3. Cincinnati Classis respectfully reports that it does not approve of taking up a collection for the Society for Relief of Ministers, etc.; Sheboygan Classis also reports that it is not ready at present to comply. St. John's Classis refers this matter to the congregations.

Item 4. The observation of Children's Day is approved of by the following classes; Cincinnati, Indiana, New York, West New York, German Philadelphia. Sheboygan Classis regards it as unnecessary.

Item 5. German Maryland Classis respectfully requests General Synod to take favorable action on the petition of First Reformed Trinity congregation of Washington, D. C., in regard to financial assistance in the completion of its house of worship.

Item 6. The following classes have acted favorably on all other recommendations and requests of General Synod: Indiana, Sheboygan, Cincinnati, New York, West New York and St. John's.

NOTE.—No reports have been received from Nebraska, Missouri, Chicago, West Pennsylvania, Heidelberg and Erie Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. W. BERLEMANN, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were adopted. *Note*, as item 7, was adopted, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the attention of the classes named in the note, as item 7, be called to this oversight or neglect.

ARTICLE X.
OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted their report, which was received, considered item by item at several different times, and as amended adopted as a whole. This report is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following documents in our hands:

Item 1. An invitation from Grant Weidman, Esq., to this synod to attend a public service on to-morrow, Decoration Day, connected with a branch, or Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Item 2. An invitation from the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home to visit the home in a body during the sessions of synod.

Item 3. A paper from Rev. A. D. Gring, in which he complains to synod against the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions on account of certain implied charges against his character, contained in a certain article published over the signatures of said board, and requests an investigation.

Item 4. Certain papers relating to the Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Item 5. An appeal from Christ's Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Item 6. A communication from Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, Secretary of the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, having reference to (*a*), the basis of representation in the Alliance, and (*b*), the proportion of expenses to be paid by the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 7. Report from Bethany Orphans' Home.

Item 8. Report from St. Paul's Orphans' Home.

Item 9. A memorial from our missionaries in Japan addressed to this synod, and signed by all our missionaries at Sendai, Japan.

Item 10. An overture from Rev. Dr. N. Gehr, in reference to the proper manner of classifying benevolent contributions.

Item 11. An overture from the German Church, Washington, asking the favor of this synod to their congregation, &c.

Item 12. Statement of the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

Item 13. Overture from Allegheny Classis in regard to the manner of electing delegates to General Synod by a classis.

Item 14. A communication from Rev. J. Gantenbein, D. D., of Portland Classis, asking first, to be excused for his absence from synod, and second, that the missions of Portland Classis be transferred to the Board of General Synod.

Item 15. A communication from Mr. R. F. Kelker, presenting 300 copies of the fourth triennial report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 16. Communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, President of Potomac Synod, in regard to complaints of Theo. Koons, H. S. Walck and Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Russell, against the action of Potomac Synod at Carlisle in A. D. 1889, and also said appeals.

Item 17. Resignation of Mr. R. F. Kelker as member of the Board of Foreign Missions, and asking synod to accept of it.

Item 18. A communication from a photographer, asking an opportunity to take a picture of synod in a group, &c.

Item 19. Certain reports in pamphlet form of Society on observance of the Sabbath.

Item 20. A communication from Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Principal of Palatinate College, inviting synod to visit the institution of which he is principal.

Item 21. A communication from Secretary Roberts informing synod of the appointment of Dr. J. I. Good, by Executive Committee of Western Section, to represent the interests of the Alliance of Reformed Churches before this synod.

Item 22. A communication from Revs. I. M. Motter and A. E. F. Schade, of a committee of Mercersburg Classis, touching the appeal of Rev. Dr. Russell and others presented to this body.

Item 23. A letter from Rev. H. T. Bachman, president, informing this synod of the appointment of Rev. Herman A. Gerdson as a delegate from the Moravian Church to this synod.

Item 24. A letter from Zion's Classis, of the Potomac Synod, in relation to the Board of Foreign Missions and Rev. A. D. Gring.

Item 25. Report from the Orphans' Home at Ft. Wayne.

Item 26. A communication from the Committee on Publication of Directory of Worship.

Item 27. A Manual of rules for the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 28. Books of the German Publishing House presented to this synod.

Item 29. A book entitled "Won by Prayer," presented to this synod by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted, and the thanks of synod extended for the kind invitation received; item 2 was adopted, and the cordial thanks of synod tendered, and if found practicable the synod would comply with the invitation; for action and results reached in item 3, see Article XIII., Missions; for action in item 4, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for action in items 5 and 16 see Article XVI., Appeals and Reference; item 6, (*a*), referred to the Standing Committee on Nomination, and (*b*), referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, (\$390); the subject matter of items 7, 8 and 25 was referred to the Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, and for action thereon, and on item 12, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; item 9 was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions; for action in items 10, 13 and 26 see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 11 was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions; in item 14, (*a*), request granted, and (*b*), referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions; in item 15 the cordial thanks of synod were returned to Rudolph F. Kelker for 300 copies of the report of Board of Foreign Missions; for action in item 17, see Article XIII., Missions; in item 18 the request was granted; item 19 was referred to the Committee on Sabbath Observance; in item 20 synod tendered its thanks for the courtesy extended; the subject matter of item 22 was referred to Rev. Simon S. Miller, President of the Synod of the Potomac; item 23 was adopted, and for disposition of, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; item 27 was referred to the Board of Foreign Missions; for action in item 28, see Article XXIII., Miscellaneous; in item 29 the book, "Won by Prayer," was thankfully accepted and ordered placed in the archives.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

I. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully report:

That, as no documents have been placed in their hands on which to formulate a report, they have none to offer, further than to say, that judging from the reports and speeches on the floor of synod, we are in very pleasant and happy relations with our Sister Churches.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. W. WILLIARD,
Chairman.

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod in 1887 to corresponding bodies, presented their reports, which were received and adopted. These several reports are as follows:

1. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Lebanon, Pa., May 28, 1890:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The undersigned, having been appointed by this synod, at its last meeting in June, 1887, delegate *primarius* to represent it before the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, would respectfully report that, in accordance with said appointment, he performed the duty, and also enjoyed the privilege and honor, of being present at the meeting of the latter body held at Catskill, N. Y., June 6th, 1887. As your delegate, he was received with the greatest possible courtesy by the officers and members of this important ecclesiastical body; and the several days passed by him in attendance upon its sessions and in intercourse with its members will always be gratefully remembered.

At a certain time set apart for that purpose, he was along with the representatives of the Presbyterian Church South

and the Reformed Episcopal Church duly and formally presented to the synod. In conveying the fraternal greetings of this synod, your delegate deemed it proper to make special mention of the action taken by it at its meeting one year before on the subject of organic union with the Reformed Church in America, and of the appointment of a committee to confer with a similar committee previously appointed by the latter body in regard to such union; and to express the hopes entertained among us of uniting our two denominations and thus preparing the way for a still larger union of the various denominations holding the Reformed faith. The president of the General Synod, Rev. Dr. M. H. Hutton replied in the kindest and most cordial manner to what your delegate had said. We did not understand him to express, or indicate the existence of any similar desire for union with us on the part of the Reformed Church in America. But his reply was as we have said, of the kindest character; and we were commissioned to carry back to this synod the fraternal Christian salutations of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America and its interest in, and desire for the welfare and prosperity of, the church which this synod represents; which we hereby, accordingly, do, thanking this synod for the high honor conferred upon us in appointing and sending us as its representative to this honorable and venerable body.

Respectfully submitted, J. SPANGLER KIEFFER

2. *The General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.*

The undersigned, delegated to represent this body at the Centennial meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, held in the city of Philadelphia, May 1889, respectfully begs leave to report that he presented the fraternal greetings of this synod and was very cordially received and assured that the General Assembly reciprocated the kindly spirit manifested by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES CRAWFORD.

3. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in
the United States:*

Your delegate, appointed at the last meeting at Akron, to convey the Christian greetings of our church to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, begs leave to report that he attended the meeting of that body, convened in Allegheny City on the 12th of June, 1889. He was kindly received by the officers and members of the synod, and an opportunity given him to address them. The president of the synod, Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., responded to these words of greeting by expressing the kindest feelings of regard for our church and the best wishes for our continued success and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. LADY.

4. *The Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Having been notified by your Stated Clerk that I was chosen at the synod of Akron, Ohio, June 1st, 1887, as your delegate to the Moravian Church. It affords me pleasure to report to your reverend body, that I attended to this duty. The synod convened in Bethlehem, September 19, 1888, and on the 24th, I appeared and presented my credentials. I was very kindly and cordially received and was the recipient of many personal courtesies. They afforded me an early opportunity to tender the synod your fraternal greetings, which I did in a brief address: and I left with the synod a copy of the Minutes of your late meeting. Accompanying this report is a copy of the *Journal* of the Provincial Synod. My expenses were \$3.50.

Very respectfully,

JOS. B. SHUMAKER.

5. *The Evangelical Synod of North America.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Lebanon, Pa.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—As delegate to the Conference of the German Evangelical Synod in North

America, convened at Evansville, Ind., it is my duty to lay before you a report of my mission. I arrived there about midnight, (having been delayed about six hours by a wreck), and when early in the morning, on the second day of the meeting, I was conducted to the large and beautiful church, well filled with noble looking, intelligent and pious Christian men, who all rose to welcome me with faces expressive of friendship and brotherly love, I felt indeed glad that I was there. After having communicated to them the cordial greeting of our synod and assured them of our interest in their prosperity, on the ground of our common origin, close relation and responsible work of faith and practice, the presiding officer, Rev. I. Zimmerman, in behalf of the Conference, expressed their heartfelt satisfaction with my appearance in their midst, and their full appreciation of the communicated friendly salutation and heartfelt wishes for the Divine blessing from our synod. He also assured me that the German Evangelical Synod of North America cherished the same cordial brotherly disposition toward the Reformed Church and that they rejoiced in the privilege to keep up the interchange of delegates, which had accidentally been somewhat interrupted.

I was cordially invited to take part in all their deliberations. Of this privilege I availed myself, especially in the discussion of several important subjects, that were of great interest not only to them but also to our church. To prove the sincerity of their friendship and brotherly feeling, the Conference by a unanimous resolution appointed the Rev. Edward Huber, President of the Maryland District, as delegate to our approaching General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., and I trust this brother will duly appear in your midst, and that he will find the same kind reception and friendly treatment, which I have experienced from the Conference at Evansville.

The good people of the congregation with whom the delegates sojourned, did not only entertain them royally, but in addition engaged a large, fine steamboat, and on Saturday afternoon gave them a free ride up and down the river. This was a great treat, and the delegates felt so joyful, that the hills on both sides were made to resound with the beautiful church melodies sung by them, interspersed with short speeches by a number of the brethren. Of course I partic-

ipated in all these privileges and enjoyments. My traveling expenses amounted to \$15.80, which you may hand over to the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted, HERMAN RUST.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following named brethren were elected as delegates to the several corresponding bodies designated, namely :

1. *To General Synod of Reformed Church in America.*—Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D., *primarius* ; Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, *secundus*.
 2. *To General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.*—Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., *primarius* ; Rev. Albert E. Truxal, *secundus*.
 3. *To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*—Rev. David E. Klopp, D. D., *primarius* ; Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, *secundus*.
 4. *To Quadrennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*—Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., *primarius* ; Rev. Tilghman O. Stem, *secundus*.
 5. *To the German Evangelical Synod of North America.*—Rev. Frederick W. Berleman, *primarius* ; Rev. John Bachman, *secundus*.
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IV. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

During the morning session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., delegate from the Reformed Church in America, appeared in synod, and having presented his credentials took his seat as a corresponding member. On motion, his address to synod was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon immediately after the opening of synod. At the appointed time, he addressed the synod in appropriate terms of greeting, speaking approvingly of the work and results achieved by his own church, and of the importance of denominational co-operation in Christian work, as well as of the pleasant relations of our two churches, with hopeful indications of a closer union and broadening united work for Christ.

The President, in behalf of General Synod, responded in fitting and impressive words.

During the afternoon session on Friday, Rev. Edward Huber, delegate from the German Evangelical Synod of North America, appeared in synod, and having been officially recognized as a corresponding member, addressed the synod in regard to the condition, work and success of the church he represented, kindly conveying its greeting to this body.

Vice-President Ruetenik, presiding, happily and appropriately responded.

During the afternoon session on Friday, Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, appeared in synod and was officially recognized as a corresponding member. He presented a copy of the Minutes of his synod. His address was made the order of the day for Saturday morning immediately after the opening of synod. At the appointed time he addressed the synod in an appropriate and entertaining manner, referring to the common interests of the two churches, and of the work and prosperity of the church he represented, and desiring a continuance of the interchange of delegates.

The President happily and cordially responded.

The Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 23 that a letter was received from Rev. H. T. Bachman, President, informing this synod of the appointment of Rev. Herman A. Gerdson as a delegate from the Moravian Church to this synod. The item was adopted, but the delegate, no doubt for satisfactory reasons, did not put in a personal appearance.

A communication was received from Rev. John Graham, D. D., Philadelphia, stating that he had been appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, as corresponding delegate to this synod, and requesting the privilege to address the synod on Monday afternoon, June 2. The request was granted, but for some reason he did not personally appear at the time indicated.

V. UNION OF THE TWO REFORMED CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the morning session on Monday, reported in item 3 that a committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Reformed Church in America in regard to a closer union.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classis, during Tuesday morning session, reported in item 15—(a), that Lincoln Classis requested synod to adopt measures to facilitate the complete union of the two Reformed Churches in this country; and (b), that, if such union be regarded not practicable, to endeavor to unite the two churches in the home mission work of the West.

With respect to the committee on union appointed by the synod in 1887, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That, immediately after the consideration of the order of the day arranged for Friday afternoon, the report of the joint committee on union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, be received and considered.

At the appointed time, the committee aforesaid presented their report, which was received and discussed amid earnest attention and deep interest, and then unanimously adopted by a rising vote. Thereupon all arose and with devout gratitude and animated voice unitedly sang the familiar doxology—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," etc., followed with a fervent prayer of thanksgiving by the president for the results achieved through the gracious guidance of God!

The report of the joint committee on the subject of union is as follows:

The committees on the union of the two Reformed Churches of this country met in joint session in New York, December 20th, 1887. The committee devoted several sessions to the discussion of the subject committed to them, and finally adjourned to hold another meeting in Philadelphia. It was arranged that in connection with this meeting a general convention of ministers and elders of both churches should be called, with a view of promoting a better acquaintance between the two churches, and also in order to bring together some of the leading minds of the two churches in the presen-

tation of papers bearing on the subject of union. This convention was, accordingly held in Philadelphia on the 3d and 4th of April, 1888. There were present thirty-eight ministers and six laymen from the Reformed Church of America, and eighty-two ministers and twenty-two laymen from the Reformed Church in the United States.

We present herewith the published report of the proceedings of the Philadelphia convention as a part of this report. The committee held another meeting in New York, April 22d, 1890.

After considering the subject in all its bearings the committee finally concluded to recommend what may be designated a Federal Union of our two Reformed Churches in a new judicatory, composed of delegates from each of the churches, and clothed with such powers as might be designated in the act of union. This supreme judicatory would be so constituted as to give due representation, but not undue predominance, to each, of the heretofore separate denominations, should have ultimate authority in matters pertaining to the establishment of new missions, domestic and foreign, the establishment of new educational institutions of the superior grades, and the several interests of religious publications, but not to interfere authoritatively with existing missions, educational institutions, or publications, until, or unless, freely committed to it by those under whose control they now exist. It might have power to advise, as to combinations and other modifications of existing missions or educational institutions, etc., and further, might consider, advise, and recommend in whatever matter it might judge to be for the welfare and advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, but should exercise authority only in matters expressly committed to it by the constitution by which it would be created, or freely surrendered to it by the constituent denominations in the union.

Such a federal organic union would leave room for, and perhaps invite, to membership in it, other Presbyterial Reformed Churches now one with us in faith and order, thus looking forward to one national, and perhaps international Reformed Church, including all of like faith and order.

If this suggestion and general plan are adopted by both General Synods, it will be necessary, of course, to appoint, each one, a commission to elaborate and prepare it for presentation to the two churches as soon as may be practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Reformed Church in America.

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR.

JOHN A. DEBAUN.

JOACHIM ELMENDORF.

CHARLES SCOTT.

PETER S. DANFORTH.

JOHN DEMOTT.

HENRY W. BOOKSTAVER.

Reformed Church in the U. S.

THOMAS G. APPLE.

GEO. W. WILLIARD.

HERMAN J. RUETENIK.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER.

JAMES I. GOOD.

In connection with the foregoing report and by the same vote, the following report of the Committee on Union of the Two Churches, appointed in 1887, was adopted, viz :

As stated in the report of the joint committee, your committee attended meetings held in New York and Philadelphia, and incurred the following expenses: Rev. Dr. T. G. Apple, \$25; Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, \$25; Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, \$72; Rev. Dr. J. S. Kieffer, \$22.50; and Rev. Dr. J. I. Good, —. The Treasurer of the General Synod has kindly paid these expenses, and his action should now be indorsed by this General Synod.

It is due to our committee to say that a closer union was desired on their part, one that would involve only one General Synod in place of the two General Synods now existing, and thus to form really one denomination by consolidating the two. But it was found that this could not be accepted by the Reformed Church in America, mainly on account of the peculiar character of their General Synod, which is invested with greater powers than our own. We have, therefore, joined in recommending the nearest approach to such union that seemed practicable under the circumstances.

It remains for this General Synod to say whether it will approve of this recommendation of the joint committee. If this is done it will be necessary to appoint a commission to co-operate with a similar one to be appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America at its approaching meeting June 4, at Asbury Park, N. J., in case it also adopts

the general plan, and perhaps also to make some provision to hold a special meeting of this body to receive the report of the joint commission. For, if the union is to be formed, it should be done as soon as practicable.

We therefore recommend for adoption by this General Synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That whilst this synod would prefer a closer organic union, yet inasmuch as this seems to be impracticable at the present time, it hereby approves the plan of federal union.

Resolved, That a commission of sixteen be appointed by this synod, to co operate with a similar commission to be appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America at its approaching meeting at Asbury Park, N. J., on the 4th of June.

Resolved, That the officers of this synod are hereby authorized to call a special meeting of this body at such place as may be selected, at the request of the commission when their work shall be completed, for the purpose of acting upon their report.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman*.

With the view of carrying into full effect the suggestions and recommendations contained in the foregoing reports, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the present members of the Committee on Union with the Reformed Church in America be retained on the proposed commission to be constituted by this synod, and that the additional members be appointed by the president and the vice-presidents of the General Synod.

The Commission on Union, as appointed, consists of the following sixteen members:

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., and James I. Good, D. D.

Ohio Synod.—Revs. George W. Williard, D. D., Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., and Elder Benjamin Kuhns.

Synod of Northwest.—Rev. Charles Schaaf, D. D.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Rev. David B. Lady and Elder Christian M. Boush.

Potomac Synod.—Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., and Cyrus Cort.

German Synod of East.—Rev. John F. Busche, D. D., and Elder George M. Ehrlen.

Central Synod.—Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D.

Synod of Interior.—Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse.

VI. REFORMED ALLIANCE IN GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during Monday morning session, reported in item 1, (*a*), that the Corresponding Secretary was directed to forward the fraternal greetings of this synod to the Reformed Alliance of Germany to meet in the Province of Lippe in August, 1887; and (*b*), that Rev. Frederick Forwick was appointed a delegate to said Alliance.

The reports received in reply to the inquiry raised were as follows:

a). The verbal statement made by the corresponding secretary was that because of oversight in the matter the duty assigned had not been attended to.

b). The following report was received and adopted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States in session at Lebanon, Pa., May 28, 1890:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your delegate would respectfully report, that, in accordance with the object of his appointment, he bore the greetings and best wishes of this synod to the Reformed Alliance of Germany, in the month of August, 1887, at Lippe-Detmold, where at that time the Alliance held its sessions. Your delegate can further report, that he was cordially welcomed, and received special attention and favor on the part of the Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK FORWICK.

In this connection, and with the view of continuing the correspondence, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod appoint a committee, which in conference with the *Reformirte Bund* of Germany, the *Evangelical Verein* of Switzerland, and the Rev. G. W.

Matthews, D. D., shall present at this synod a plan by which our church may be brought into closer contact with the mother church, and both be made to help each other.

The committee appointed, to define such plan and report to this synod, consists of Revs. Dr. James I. Good, Dr. Peter Greding, Frank Grether, Dr. John Kuelling, Dr. Nicholas Gehr, John C. Hauser, J. H. C. Roentgen and Elders Adolph Stolte and Martin Hoengen. This committee, during the closing session on Thursday evening, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on a closer union with the Reformed Church of Germany and Switzerland, would recommend for adoption the following :

Resolved, That this General Synod, through its president, appoint a committee of three members, of whom one shall be a native of America, one a native of Germany and one a native of Switzerland.

Resolved, That the duty of this committee shall be to correspond with representative ministers and laymen, for the purpose of gaining a better or more intimate reciprocal understanding, and also for promoting the interests of the Reformed Church in Europe and America, in such a manner as the acquired information may show to be most beneficial.

Resolved, That, if this committee should find it feasible and desirable, it shall have the authority to request the Home Mission Board of the General Synod to send with like authority a representative of our church to Germany or Switzerland, whose object shall be to advance the intended reciprocal interests.

Resolved, That if this committee desires it, the Stated Clerk of the General Synod shall be authorized to provide the committee with such documents with the seal of the General Synod as it may wish.

Resolved, That the officers of this synod shall be authorized to send one or more delegates to the Reformed Alliance of Germany, or to other Reformed Synods or Associations, provided such delegates are willing to bear their own traveling expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the first item of the foregoing report consists of Revs. J. H. C. Roentgen, John Kuelling, D. D., and James I. Good, D. D.

In acquiescence with an overture from Philadelphia Classis, as reported by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classis in item 16, the synod in token of our sympathy with our German brethren in the fatherland, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this General Synod donate one hundred dollars to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Berlin, Germany, of which Pastor Hapke is professor, and that the Treasurer of Synod is hereby instructed to pay said amount out of the contingent fund.

VII. THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod reported in item 4, (a), that delegates were appointed to the Fourth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, held in London, England, July 3-12, 1888; and (b), that the officers of synod were to fill vacancies in said delegation.

On motion, the consideration of the report required under (a), was made the order of the day for Saturday morning session immediately after the address of the corresponding delegate from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. At the appointed time, the following report was received, discussed, and as amended adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following delegates attended the meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches in London, England, July 3-12, 1888: Revs. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., LL. D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., James I. Good, D. D.,

Calvin S. Gerhard, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., John C. Bowman, Thos. C. Porter, D. D., LL. D., Ambrose D. Gring, Joshua H. Derr, George, H. Johnston, D. D.; and Elders, John W. Kieffer, and William R. Barnhart.

The first meeting of this Alliance was held in Edinburgh, Scotland, the second, in Philadelphia, 1880, the third, in Belfast, Ireland, in 1884, and the fourth, in London, England, in 1888.

From very incomplete statistics the number of communicants of the Reformed Churches throughout the world, holding the Presbyterian system, may be put down as 10,000,000, and the number of adherents at 20,000,000, though we believe both these numbers, especially the latter, is far too small.

It was certainly a laudable undertaking in this age of church union, to gather delegates from all these Reformed Churches in a General Council once every four years, to deliberate upon matters pertaining to the interests of Christianity, and to encourage and strengthen these interests especially, as they are represented in these Reformed Churches. This Alliance has unquestionably already accomplished a great deal of good. Excepting what is called The World's Evangelical Alliance, it takes the lead of all movements of the present age to gather together and unite the divided sections of Protestantism, and differs from the Alliance just named, in that it is a union of organized churches, while the World's Alliance is simply a union of individual Christians, and does not represent churches as such. In the intelligence of its ministry and laity, in institutions of learning, in missionary zeal and activity, and in general benevolence and works of charity, it certainly represents one of the most advanced sections of Protestantism. In creed and cultus, it represents the Reformed Churches of the Reformation of the sixteenth century, one-half, we may say, of the whole Protestant interest of that age, while in polity it represents that section of Protestantism which holds to the parity of the Christian ministry, as distinguished from the Episcopal system and the Roman hierarchy.

The meeting in London was opened in Regent Square Church, but its subsequent sessions were held in Exeter Hall, 372 Strand. Papers were read and discussions were

held on great subjects, vital to the interests of Christianity, on the Efficiency of the Presbyterian System, the Intellectual Tendencies bearing on Faith, Social and Commercial Life, Co-operation in Foreign Missions, Woman's Work in the Church, the Church's Duty to the Young, Christian Worship, and others which we cannot here enumerate.

One of your delegates read a paper on Liturgical Forms in Worship, and delivered one of the closing addresses at the farewell meeting, and other delegates took part in the discussions. One of the interesting features, was a meeting of the delegates from our Reformed church with the delegates from the Reformed Churches of Germany, brought about by the efforts of Dr. James I. Good, of Philadelphia. On another occasion a reception was given to the delegates from the Continent, to which some of the delegates from our church were specially invited. Time would fail me to attempt an account of the reception, given and provided for the entertainment of the delegates. Nor can we give any detailed account of what is more important, the papers and discussions in the several meetings of the Alliance. The active operations of missionary work in heathen lands were narrated by missionaries from those foreign fields, among whom was our own missionary to Japan, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, who was listened to with great attention and interest. It was clearly apparent that the missions of the Reformed Churches are among the most extensive and successful in the great work of evangelizing the world.

The papers on the Intellectual Tendencies of the Age brought out the intense conflict going on between the theology of the church and unbelief. The growing tendency to center the defense of Christianity in the living person of Christ, was apparent in the papers generally. Questions pertaining to the inspiration of the Scriptures, forms of Church Government, and forms of doctrinal belief, were subordinated to a living faith in Christ, who Himself gave His church the promise that the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.

Without egotism or vanity we may say, that this growing tendency to center our theological doctrinal teaching around

the Christological principal, falls in fully with the teaching of our own Reformed Church here in America. This stronghold of Christianity, the person and work of Christ, must be the only effectual defense and refuge of the church against the assaults of infidel science and an infidel philosophy. Whilst the church is laboring to overcome evil in all its forms, and sending the gospel to heathen lands, it has a battle to fight also against theoretical evil, in the form of false philosophy and infidel science. How important it is, therefore, to gather together the best minds of the church from all parts of the world in order to deliberate upon such great questions.

This Alliance has already done much important work, and we believe it will do still more in the years to come. Just at this time one large and influential member of this Alliance, the Northern Presbyterian Church in the United States, is embarked in a work of great significance and one beset by great perils, viz. : the revision of its doctrinal standards. In such a time the wise advisory counsel of such a body as the Alliance may be of greater importance, than the legislative action of any one of its members. If a consensus of the Reformed confessions, or a new creed is to be formed for the Reformed Churches, this Alliance would naturally be looked up to as a wise and safe counsellor.

We think it has been an honor and a benefit for our Reformed Church to be represented in this Alliance, and we hope this synod will not adjourn without electing, or appointing delegates to its next meeting at Toronto, Canada, in 1892. There was no expense laid upon our church at the meeting in London, except our share of the usual contingent fund. This will be a small sum. We recommend that synod make provision at its present meeting to pay our share of this expense. (Not having the precise amount in mind, it might be well for synod to authorize the officers of synod to notify the district synods in due time of the apportionment of each.)

In conclusion we recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this synod make provision to elect delegates to the meeting of the Alliance to be held in Toronto, Canada, in — 1892.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod is hereby authorized to pay the amount due from our church to the contingent expenses of the Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. G. APPLE,
JAMES I. GOOD,
GEO. H. JOHNSTON,
JOSHUA H. DERR,
JOHN C. BOWMAN,
CALVIN S. GERHARD,
JACOB O. MILLER,
EDMUND R. ESCHBACH.

Subsequently, under (b), the following report was received and adopted.

FILLING VACANCIES IN DELEGATION TO ALLIANCE.

The officers of the General Synod, having been authorized in 1887 to fill any vacancies that might occur in our representation to the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, convened in London, England, in July, 1888, would respectfully report :

That, in view of some declinations and vacancies, they appointed the following persons as representatives to fill vacancies, viz: Revs. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., James I. Good, D. D., George H. Johnston, D. D., Joshua H. Derr, Ambrose D. Gring, and Josiah D. Detrich, and they were furnished with the necessary credentials.

In behalf of the officers of the synod.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

VIII. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES IN 1892.

Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D.	Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse.
" Benjamin Bausman, D. D.	" John C. Bowman.
" Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	" George W. Williard, D. D.
" Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.	" Charles G. Fisher, D. D.
" Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D.	" John H. Prugh.
" James I. Good, D. D.	" John H. Sechler.

Rev. Harry M. Kieffer, D. D.	Elder John W. Bickel, Esq.
" David Van Horne, D. D.	" Christian M. Boush, Esq.
" Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	" Charles Santee.
" John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	" Benjamin Kuhns.
" Calvin S. Gerhard.	" Daniel S. Keller, Esq.
" Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	" Daniel Miller.
" David E. Klopp, D. D.	

On motion,

Resolved, That the President and Stated Clerk be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in our representation to the Fifth General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches to be held at Toronto, Canada, in 1892.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church and Statistics, during the afternoon session on the last day (Thursday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST: "Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ!" In taking a review of the work of the church during the past triennium, as it has been presented to us in the reports given by the several synods, the different boards, and gathered from other legitimate sources, your committee feel the force of this well-known apostolic greeting; and would challenge the attention of your reverend body to the same, as appropriate to the state and condition, which the church has now reached. Grace has indeed been multiplied unto our communion from God our Father, and peace, that precious legacy, which the departing Christ of human history left unto his believing disciples through the ages is to-day, indeed, our heritage as perhaps never before.

From the narratives reviewed, as well as from the reports which have come to our ears during the sessions of this synod, evident signs of progress are apparent all along the various lines of work in which our activities have been directed. The watch-word in all the subordinate synods seems to have been "onward and upward!" In that Name which is above every name they are realizing the high calling of God in Christ

Jesus, and forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, they are pressing toward the mark for this prize. The divine Word has been preached in faithful boldness, yet in tender sympathy and solicitude for the salvation of precious souls; the divine sacraments, bearing spiritual help to the life and heart of every contrite believer have been administered. Thus has the Holy Ghost, as the minister of the glorified Christ, been apprehending, through human agencies, the elements of our fallen humanity, engrafting them into the mystical body of the church, "the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." Who can measure the power and influence of the Gospel as thus preached? Who can fathom the grace of the divine sacraments as thus administered in faithfulness and hope? In the eternal world only, when the books, and particularly that other Book, which is the Book of Life, shall be opened and the dead shall be judged out of those things which are written therein, according to their works, will the fruits of their sowing and reaping be made manifest. By these means of grace, how many precious branches have been grafted into the true vine; how many souls have been quickened in the divine life; how many fainting hearts have been revived, and have taken fresh courage in the ceaseless conflict with the enemies of man's peace! What waves of gracious influence directly and indirectly, consciously and unconsciously, have streamed forth upon a dark and troubled world! The record of these trophies of divine grace cannot be fully written in the annals of earth. God himself is writing them in strengthened wills, in renewed hearts and minds, in lives that are becoming temples of his spirit, in characters that are silently and gradually being edified in the powers of the world to come.

The numerical progress of the church during the past three years is indicated by the following increase over the last records of your reverend body, viz: 1 synod, 1 classis, 33 ministers, 73 congregations, 16,518 members, 3,762 unconfirmed members, 509 baptized infants, 315 adult baptisms, 925 souls confirmed, 2,086 persons received by certificate and renewal of profession, 8,682 communicants, 91 Sunday-schools, 15,921 Sunday-school scholars, 99 students for the ministry, \$97,132 contributed for benevolent purposes, and \$282,717 for

congregational expenses. The sum total of contributions for all purposes in three years amounts to \$3,060,570, showing an increase over the immediately preceding three years of \$379,849. On the other hand, as somewhat of a foil to this favorable presentment, we find a decrease from the previous report of 29 excommunicated, and increase of 2,339 names erased, and 1,043 deaths, showing an aggregate loss of 3,411 souls. We trust, however, that in this pruning process of discipline which has been exercised the church has become purer; and while the church on earth has lost heavily in the deaths reported, let us hope heaven has been made richer.

In the previous report your attention was called to the large difference between the membership and the communicant columns of statistics. We feel constrained to reiterate the reminder, the discrepancy in the present summing up being 45,380. This state of things ought not so to be. It indicates a lack of genuine spirituality, and tells of a deplorable neglect, on the part of too many who profess and call themselves Christians, to avail themselves of the grace promised in the most comfortable sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The work among the children and youth through the catechetical class and the Sunday-school has evidently been richly favored with the divine blessing. In all the synods, indications along this line of activity are apparent. This is hopeful for the church of the future; and, in this fact, we may see that we have not departed from our historical genius and spirit. To be true to her doctrinal confession of the Heidelberg Catechism, the Reformed Church must ever rear her baptized children and youth "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The "educational system" of religion in its true spirit and cultus is a part of her original heritage and as long as we are faithful to this the normal growth of the church will be sure and steady, bringing forth "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."

Our institutions of learning have also continued their blessed work with signal tokens of the divine blessing. Most of them have strengthened their foundations by additional endowment funds, enlarged their teaching forces, improved their courses of study, and have had large accessions of students. From the schools of the prophets a noble corps of

laborers have gone into the vineyard, but on account of the unusual depletion of the ranks of the ministry by death, the increase in the number of our ministry has not been as large as could be desired. The supply has not kept pace with the growing demand. Let us pray the Lord that He may raise up many more laborers for His harvest to make glad the city and heritage of our God! And in the fact that we are able to report an increase of 99 students for the ministry over the previous period we may have reason to hope that our prayer shall be answered.

One of the most hopeful signs, intensively as well as extensively, in the development of the strength of the church, which we are able to indicate, lies in our growing missionary spirit and activity. From the boards, both of the foreign and the home fields, gratifying reports of progress have come to this synod. The Lord has richly blessed the labors of the missionaries at home and abroad. He has also inspired our people with a keener sense of their responsibility and privilege in being permitted to be co-workers together with him in the salvation of precious souls, and hence the offerings for this sacred work have richly increased. The cause of missions is the cause of Christ, who is the original and ideal missionary, as well as the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls. No greater work can claim the attention of his church, inspire her prayers, or challenge her activities. The most hopeful sign of the coming kingdom in the church consists in the spirit, which is becoming so intense in this generation, of obedience to the great commission of her ascending Lord "to go into all the world and disciple all nations." No token is more sure than this, that she is baptized with the enthusiasm of that holy fire which the Son of Man came to send upon the earth. May our beloved church be more and more enriched with this holy enthusiasm, realizing that she is "a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise," and thus become a partaker in that rich spiritual grace flowing from the remembrance of the words of the Lord Jesus, that it is, indeed, "more blessed to give than to receive."

During a period of twelve years the angel of peace has hovered over our beloved Zion with healing in her wings. She has been inspiring the hearts and minds of our ministry

and people, more and more with her gracious Spirit. Again, since the former meeting of your reverend body, as well as during the present sessions, have we been assured of the wisdom of this movement in the growing tendencies toward the consolidation and unification of our powers and energies for the glory of God and the extension of his kingdom. Surely, during these years may not the leading of a Divine Providence be discerned in this movement? Differences of opinion and judgment as to methods and means of activity unquestionably still exist among us, and will, no doubt, always exist as long as we continue in the church militant, but they are not, nor need be, antagonistic to, nor destructive of the work itself, provided they are ever held subject to the true spirit of Christian love. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus is, that "there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." Let us still more earnestly listen to the prayer of consecration of our blessed Lord, as the great High Priest of his people, "That they all may be one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." Thus may we implicitly follow the guidance of the glorified Christ! His word is ever yea and amen; his hand by the power of the gracious Comforter will lead us into the whole truth. And in this process may be discerned more and more the development of latent and growing resources and powers in the life of the church of which the fathers of a generation ago scarcely dreamed. Greater light is, in these last days, breaking from God's Word, and greater forces are flowing from the church which is "the body of Christ." Of what can all this be the fulfillment but of the words of our Lord himself, "Greater works than these shall ye do, because I go unto the Father." Blessed is that church that can discern "the signs of the times," and that hears the voice of her Lord and King, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Let us heed that voice of the Master, and enter into the grand, spiritual opportunities and privileges of work that are opening before us, and thus hasten the dawn of that day among men when "Jesus the Christ shall come to be

glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe."

In close and intimate relations with this movement of peace in our own communion, if not growing out of it, has been the effort made to bring about a more intimate comity with our sister branch of the Reformed Church in this country. From the report of the joint committees of the two churches, as well as by the assurances given us by the representatives of the Reformed Church in America, who have appeared on the floor of this synod, we have rejoiced to learn that the consummation of a federal union of the two churches is possible at no distant day. May our fondest hopes to this end continue to be cherished until the consummation so devoutly to be wished shall be realized!

"There is a fount about to stream,
There is a light about to beam,
There is a morning twilight broadening into day:
Men of thought, and men of action, clear the way."

The Lord hath indeed done great things for us, whereof we are glad. He hath lengthened our cords, He hath strengthened our stakes. To Him alone be all the glory!

Since the last meeting of this reverend synod, forty-six (46) of our co-laborers in the ranks of the Christian ministry have been called in God's providence to lay down their shepherd's staff, and to come up higher. The number of the fallen is unusually large, perhaps the largest that has ever been reported at one time. In the list may be found the youthful minister of 27 years of age, who was called away from his work but one year after his ordination, as well as the aged patriarch of 84, who was permitted to preach the unsearchable riches of grace in Christ Jesus for 60 years. What an admonition to all who remain, ever to be faithful, since we know not at what hour our Lord shall come. Thus does it please God to carry on His blessed work. The treasure here is in earthen vessels. Men fall in the conflict, pass away, and are forgotten, but the work goes on down through the ages. Jesus Christ and His church abide forever. Let us cherish the memory of those who have been true yoke-fellows with us in the blessed work on earth, and cultivate a sense of their still abiding fellowship with us in the mystical body of the Redeemer. "We believe in the communion

of saints;" and in that communion death can cause no separation in the life-bond of believers with Christ. They have simply gone before us, by a little space, and have joined the great cloud of witnesses that look down upon us from the heavenly world.

"The church on earth and all the dead,
But one communion make:
All join in Christ their living head,
And of His grace partake."

"And now, unto Him that is able to do so exceeding abundantly above all that we ask, or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen!"

Respectfully submitted,

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(For Statistical Reports see Appendix.)

NECROLOGY.

As an additional record of facts, having a bearing on some of the statements made in the preceding report on the State of the Church, and being presented as a part thereof in more detailed form, it is here reported that the following named ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, arranged in alphabetical order, have died during the triennial interim extending from June 1, 1887, to May 28, 1890, viz :

NAMES.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Residence.	Time of Death.	AGE.		
					Years.	Months.	Days.
Bucher, D. D., John C.	1828	1828	Lewisburg, Pa.	1888, Nov. 15.	84	4	27
Caldwell, David S.			Nevada, Ohio	1889, Sept. 6.	68	8	14
Comfort, Henry I.	1858	1858	Burkittsville, Md.	1888, Feb. 18.	57	6	
Dechant, Frederick W.	1846	1846	Reading, Pa.	1888, Feb. 17.	73	1	23
Delorme, Erdman	1881	1882	Huntington, Ind.	1889, Nov. 28.	35	5	
Dole, Albert G.	1843	1843	Huntingdon, Pa.	1887, Oct. 16.	72		23
Fox, Frederick	1864	1864	New York, N. Y.	1889, Dec. 16.			
Geissel, John F.	1873	1873	Newville, Ind.	1889, Apr. 1.	76	3	10
Glessner, D. D., Geo. W.	1832	1832	Shippensburg, Pa.	1888, Dec. 3.	82	8	2
Good, D. D., Jeremiah H.	1846	1846	Tiffin, Ohio	1888, Jan. 25.	65	2	3
Gring, William Aug.	1862	1864	Frederick, Md.	1888, Feb. 8.	51		26
Hackman, William G.	1846	1846	Burr Oak, Mich.	1889, Jan. 13.	69	7	27
Hanhart, John H.	1838	1838	Cincinnati, O.	1890, Mar. 30.	74	8	17
Hartmetz, Fred P.	1873	1873	Archbold, O.	1888, Sept. 11.	38	5	26
Heisler, D. D., Daniel Y.	1845	1845	Easton, Pa.	1888, Feb. 5.	67	8	4
Herman, J. Sassaman	1835	1836	Kutztown, Pa.	1889, Jan. 7.	70	8	27
Higbee, D. D., Elnathan E.	1854	1855	Laneaster, Pa.	1889, Dec. 13.	59	8	26
Hittel, Morris Z.	1885	1885	Chambersburg, Pa.	1887, July 3.	29	10	28
Johnston, D. D., Thomas S.	1837		Lebanon, Pa.	1887, June 11.	68	10	7
Keener, Henry F.	1868	1868	Latrobe, Pa.	1890, Mar. 18.	54	3	26
Kieffer, D. D., Moses	1839	1839	Sandusky, O.	1888, Feb. 3.	73	8	28
Kline, Jacob	1851	1851	Schuylkill, Haven, Pa.	1889, July 7.	83	10	14
Korthener, D. D., Herman	1857	1857	Bucyrus, O.	1888, Aug. 5.	69	8	22
Kremer, D. D., Franklin W.	1844	1844	Lebanon, Pa.	1889, June 14.	72	6	14
Krout, Aaron Frank	1881		Stone Church, Pa.	1889, May 18.	35	8	20
Kurtz, D. D., Henry Wm.	1856	1856	Franklin, Wis.	1889, May 31.	66	2	19
Loos, D. D., Isaac K.	1853	1854	Bethlehem, Pa.	1889, July 5.	59	1	20
Martin, D. D., George H.	1842	1843	Timberville, Va.	1888, Sept. 18.	70	10	28
Meyer, Adolph J.	1887	1887	North Lima, O.	1888, July 9.	27	4	25
Michael, Jonas	1859	1859	Winamac, Ind.	1887, Dec. 10.	68	6	25
Riegel, Daniel	1839	1839	Dillsburg, Pa.	1888, July 4.	79	11	2
Sandoe, William B.	1840	1840	Ringtown, Pa.	1890, Jan. 23.	75	4	21
Smith, Reinhart	1862	1862	Swanton, O.	1889, May 21.	53		6
Snyder, Wm H. H.	1863	1864	Bellefonte, Pa.	1889, Apr. 20.	52	4	11
Stauffer, Albert S.	1873	1873	Higens, Pa.	1889, July 8.	46	6	9
Steiner, Jesse	1837	1838	Millerstown, O.	1889, Dec. 19.	74	10	
Strassburger, D. D., Nero S.	1847	1847	Allentown, Pa.	1888, June 27.	68	10	20
Weber, George	1853	1853	Vinton, Iowa.	1888, Oct. 15.	69	9	8
Wichle, D. D., John G.			Philadelphia, Pa.	1888, July 17.	71	5	18
Winters, Thomas H.	1834	1854	Xenia, Ohio	1889, Apr. 13.	76	6	1
Wissler, Henry	1856		Mechanicstown, Md.	1889, Apr. 13.	57	10	8
Wolff, D. D., George	1848	1848	Myerstown, Pa.	1889, Feb. 19.	67	1	8
Yearick, William R.	1844		Hublersburg, Pa.	1888, Dec. 4.	71	1	3
Zahner, D. D., John G.	1847	1847	Bloomville, O.	1890, May 7.	69	4	16
Ziegler, Amundus F.	1869		Leithville, Pa.	1889, July 30.	53	10	10
Ziegler, Jacob	1837	1837	York, Pa.	1888, Nov. 10.	79	10	4

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN.

The following reports on the subject of missions, both home and foreign, were received and considered by the General Synod during its present sessions, and also adopted:

I. HOME MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of General Board of Home Missions.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—Your Board of Home Missions would respectfully tender to the consideration of your reverend body the following triennial report of the trust committed to our supervision and care.

Immediately after the adjournment of synod at Akron, Ohio, June 8, 1887, the board was reorganized by the election of the usual officers, and the appointment of an Executive Committee. At a subsequent meeting held at Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11 and 12, 1888, the Executive Committee was reconstructed and ordered to hold quarterly meetings. The organization as then completed has continued in force to this time. During the term, now coming to a close, the board has held three, and the Executive Committee five meetings.

We have received triennial reports from all the subordinate boards, giving accounts of the progress of the work in their several spheres of operation, from which, as well as from our own record, we gather a number of items which we hope will be of interest to the church.

I. ORGANIZATIONS OF THE SEVERAL BOARDS.

We present simply the Executive Officers; for the full lists of the membership of these bodies we would refer to the published minutes of their respective synods.

a.) *The Board of the General Synod*:—President, Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.; Treasurer, Elder Charles Santee; General Superintendent, Rev. D. S. Fouse; Executive Committee: The President and Secretary together with Revs. J. M. Kendig, J. J. Leberman, and Elder C. M. Boush.

b.) *"The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,"* (for convenience commonly called the "Tri-Synodic Board,") representing the

Eastern, the Pittsburgh, and the Potomac Synods:—President, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder William H. Seibert; Superintendent, Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

c.) *The Board of the Ohio Synod*:—President, Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. R. C. Zartman; Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Leberman.

d.) *The Board of the Northwestern and Central Synods*:—President, Rev. M. G. I. Stern; Secretary, Rev. O. J. Accola, D. D.; Treasurer, Rev. C. Baum; Superintendent, Rev. H. Nau.

e.) *The Board of the German Synod of the East*:—President, Rev. N. Gehr, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. P. H. Dippell; Treasurer, Elder Geo. M. Ehrlen.

f.) *The Board of the Synod of the Interior*:—President, Rev. H. Bair; Secretary, Rev. Joseph Sechler; Treasurer and Superintendent,* Rev. D. B. Shney.

II. OVERTURES TO THE BOARD AND ACTION TAKEN UPON THE SAME.

Under the special instruction given by synod at its last sessions, to wit: "That the District Synods should carry forward their Home Mission work in such a manner as to open the way for the unification of our home missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod at the earliest practicable date," your board took a posture of readiness to assume any such responsibility, whenever any of the District Synods should see fit to transfer their missions to our care. The Ohio Synod, by her action taken at Dayton, O., in October, 1888, was the first to respond practically to the behest of your reverend body; and at a meeting of the board, held at Pittsburgh, Pa., December 11th and 12th, 1888, the overture of the said synod, tendering her missions, free of any incumbrance of debt, to our immediate care and supervision was received, prayerfully considered, and formally accepted. The transfer of these missions, fifteen (15) in number, to our direction, on the terms stipulated, therefore, went into effect with April 1st, 1889.

In October, 1889, the Pittsburgh Synod took similar action. At a meeting of our Executive Committee, held at Pittsburgh, Pa., January 14th, 1890, her overture was also formally accepted, and the transfer of the missions of said synod, seven (7) in number, went into effect with January 1st, 1890.

At the annual meeting of 1889, the Philadelphia Classis also passed action looking to the same end, and on January 14th, 1890, her overture tendering her missions, four (4) in

*NOTE.—By appointment of Tri-Synodic Board.

number, free of any incumbrance, to our care was accepted, the transfer being accomplished on and after April 1st, 1890.

Thus, with several missions previously established, and others for which the preliminary steps have since been taken, thirty-two (32) missions have come under the immediate care and supervision of your board. In this connection it may be well to state the special action taken, defining the relation which the General Board has assumed toward the subordinate boards in all these transitions. In substance it is as follows:

Resolved, That the District Boards of Home Missions are respectfully requested to continue their organizations, to unite with the General Board in the effort of raising the necessary funds for the support of the missions now brought under the supervision of this board, and to counsel and advise this board in anything that may lead to a successful management and prosperous advancement of the cause of missions.

Resolved, That the District Synods' Boards that bring their missionary operations under the supervision of General Synod's Board, before the next regular session of General Synod, are requested to refer all matters in regard to starting new missions within the bounds of their synods to this board. Openings that may come under their observations as proper fields for missionary operations of our church should be referred by the District Boards to the General Board which shall have final authority in the matter."

III. ELECTION OF A GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS, AND PROGRESS OF THE WORK UNDER HIS CARE.

In accordance with the authority given us by your reverend body at Akron, O., "to appoint a general superintendent of our home missionary work as soon as practicable," when the work of "unification" took practical shape, your board began to cast about for a suitable person to fill this office. At length, on March 26, 1889, Rev. D. S. Fouse, of Lisbon, Iowa, was elected at the stipulated salary, previously fixed by synod. A call was formally tendered him, which, after due consideration, was accepted, and the said brother entered upon the functions of this important office on October 1, 1889. By this act the board became sufficiently equipped for the successful prosecution of the work under our care up to this time. During the past eight months the superintendent has

labored most earnestly and energetically, and has rendered very efficient service both to the board, and the general cause. The majority of the missions under our immediate care have been visited and found to be in a healthy condition; a personal canvass of a number of new fields has been made; prospective operations have been undertaken looking toward establishing new missions in important towns and centers of civilization; missions in several important cities organized, as *e. g.*, Cleveland, O., Lincoln, Neb., and Columbus, O.; the spirit of giving to the sacred cause of missions has been quickened in many hearts, and the work generally has attained a broader compass. In confirmation of this judgment we would simply refer to the facts, that all the fields, with but three exceptions, are manned with efficient pastors, that all the missionaries under the care of this board have regularly received their stipulated salaries at the expiration of each quarter, and that our treasurer to-day reports a larger balance in his hands to meet coming wants.

IV. GENERAL REVIEW OF THE WORK UNDER THE CARE AND DIRECTION OF THE SEVERAL BOARDS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

From our own records, and from the reports received from the several subordinate boards, we gather that the mission work in the home field of the Reformed Church in the United States, during the term now closing, has been richly favored with God's blessing, and the kingdom of Christ has been extended, fostered and strengthened. All our boards seem to have had a growing sense of their solemn responsibility, and to have administered the trust committed to their hands in faithfulness and with conscientious energy. The field of operations, where the work has been undertaken, in some form or other, is extensive, stretching from the southern boundary of North Carolina northward to the lakes, covering every state in that district, with the exception of New Jersey and the New England States, reaching westward to the Pacific coast.

Quite a number of new missions have been established, a number have been dropped from the roll, through classical reconstruction of charges, thus relieving the board of their further support, while some have been discontinued as unpromising, or not likely to grow into self-supporting

churches. More and more is developing the tendency to concentrate our efforts and means upon growing centers of population to the neglect of more obscure localities. Whilst this is true of all our boards, it is particularly the case with our German brethren. The majority of their missions are planted in the larger towns and cities. Because our whole number of missions, at present, barely exceeds the aggregate number reported to synod at its last sessions, the inference must not be drawn that the work has not made any material progress. This would be misleading and unfair. Through the eliminating and concentrating process referred to, this apparent stand-still in numbers can easily be accounted for. And, on the other hand, it has been by pursuing this very policy, we believe, that the work has been strengthened and enlarged. It is better in hand, and, with a more economical outlay of means, is accomplishing far more for the conversion of precious souls to Christ, and for the extension of his kingdom within the borders of our beloved church, than has ever before in our history in this land been realized. In testimony of this assertion, we believe, the tables of statistics herewith presented, showing the enlargement of the work in the missions themselves, and the multiplying gifts of the church toward this sacred cause, will bear us out.

One of the reports directs special attention to what it calls "the self-helpfulness of its missions." It says, "they average far more per member for congregational expenses than the churches which are not missions, and show a large average for benevolence. From a cursory examination of all the reports, we find that what is here asserted holds good of nearly all the missions. There is a spirit among them to help themselves, and thus become self-supporting as soon as possible. Another report notices a particular instance of the same character, viz: Trinity Church of Dayton, Ohio. "Organized as a mission in 1887, after receiving one year's appropriation, it declared itself self-supporting, and is now preparing to erect a substantial and elegant church building out of funds raised from its own membership." Grace Mission, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is also referred to as another instance to the same effect. By annually asking for a decrease in its appropriation, it is making rapid strides toward self-support; and without making an appeal to the

church at large has erected a commodious and beautiful chapel, besides building a fine parsonage during the past year. In this connection we would also notice the fact to which one of the German boards calls attention, viz: that four missions have, during the past three years, built suitable church edifices: "Martha Memorial Church," New York City, at a cost of \$45,000; "St. Luke's," Philadelphia, Pa., at a cost of \$18,000; "Bethany," Brooklyn, N. Y., a chapel costing \$2,000; and Jeffersonville, Md., a chapel costing \$1,200. Doubtless there are other instances of such commendable spiritual energy, which have not been formally reported. Your board has incidentally learned of other missions that are making preparations to follow these examples at an early day; and among them notably we would mention Grace Mission of Cleveland, O., and Hazelton, Pa. Such enterprises are worthy of the confidence and encouragement of the church.

Special attention has been given by the "Tri-Synodic Board" to "the establishment of special church building funds of \$500, or more, each," to be loaned to needy missions on certain reasonable conditions. This line of work is mentioned as "one of the most important sources of help." Nine of these funds are now raised, eight of which have been given within three years. In other sections of the church similar efforts for raising funds for church building, although not exactly in the same form, have also been successfully prosecuted.

In consequence of the smallness of the income from the synodical assessments in comparison with the growing demands of the work and the necessity of enrolling during the last two years so many important and promising missions, two plans for raising special offerings for Home Missions have been inaugurated since September last; one under the direction of the Tri-Synodic, the other by our General Board. Both of these movements are still in operation, and so far have been measurably successful. Their influence and effect upon our people will be largely educational, which, after all, will prove a more permanent blessing to the church than simply the ingathering of pecuniary means for present emergencies. One of the most weighty questions continually challenging our several boards and synods, is how to secure

a larger income for this growing and urgent work. "The fundamental remedy for this lack is, of course, the love of God in the hearts of our pastors and people," which is only another way of saying that the crying want is a love of precious souls for whom Jesus Christ died. "To this must be added a proper knowledge of the work done and to be done." Any thing that will educate men out of the inherent selfishness of our fallen nature is a movement upward and Godward.

As another agency toward this high and noble end of a spiritual education, we must not fail to mention the editorial work which has been accomplished in our communion in behalf of the cause of Missions. The *Reformed Missionary Herald*, in the English language, published monthly under the auspices of the Tri-Synodic Board, with a circulation of over 5,000 copies; and one monthly publication in the German language, viz: *Der Missionsbote*, issued at Cleveland, Ohio, are the only distinctively missionary publications in the church. But, whilst acknowledging our obligations to these co-laborers in the work, we would not forget to express our indebtedness to the weekly periodicals of the church, both German and English, for their invaluable aid in disseminating missionary intelligence and instruction. They have all shown a commendable willingness to give the cause of missions special prominence in their columns. Next to the living preaching of the Divine Word, a sanctified press, by its weekly and monthly visitations to the homes and hearts of our people, is a powerful agency in promoting the knowledge of Him who is "the Light of the World," and in quickening the hearts of converted men to more earnest prayers, and more abundant offerings for the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

And, among the last, but by no means the least, of the agencies we would note, as rendering efficient aid in fostering and promoting the spirit of missions in the church has been the recent organizations of the various Women's Synodical and Classical Missionary Societies. Truly, in this movement may we not recognize some token of the fulfillment of the words of the ancient prophet: "Your daughters shall prophesy, and on my handmaidens in those days will I pour forth of my spirit; and they shall prophesy?" The church

has been listening to, and heeding the words of counsel coming from these women, and thus has God been answering their prayers for the more rapid spread of His kingdom. Our attention has been particularly directed in one of the reports to the material aid rendered by the Women's Missionary Society of this synod, to the support of a Western mission, and also to the help given by one of the classical societies toward the establishment of a classical church building fund. Another classical society has rendered efficient aid to one of the missions of the General Board. Other societies have been engaged in the same line of work, which has not been reported to our Board, but which is worthy of recognition. May the Lord continue to inspire His handmaidens with holy zeal to help in the great work of "rescuing the perishing!"

Notwithstanding the encouraging outlook of the work which we are permitted to present, there are, however, several less fortunate features which have been brought to our notice. "Owing to their unpromising character the missions in California have been discontinued." This failure is to be regretted. Surely the Reformed Church ought not to fail in the "Golden State," which has proven so rich a field for missionary effort to other denominations. Might not another attempt be made under the auspices of our German Synods by the direction of the General Board. Without wishing to make any invidious reflection, for inefficiency, upon the board reporting this failure, we simply throw out this question leaving the answer to the wisdom of your reverend body. Just here, however, we would also mention that the subject of missionary effort in Oregon and Lower California, which was commended to our attention at the last meeting of synod, received due consideration, but on account of the limited resources at our command and the more pressing claims of work already undertaken, we felt unable to enter those fields.

A general complaint has been made that "the income for missions during the past three years has been far too small for the work" which is prospering and widening before the church. The several boards have in various ways given our people all the information at hand on the subject of our missionary necessities, making many earnest appeals by circular letters, leaflets, and through the periodicals of the church; and yet the income has not kept pace with the increasing

demands. This apathy in regard to the importance and pressing claims of so important a work is indeed humiliating, and to be deeply deplored. May God renew the church to a fuller realization of the true missionary motive as proclaimed by the Christ Himself, "Freely ye have received, freely give;" and thus inspire her to devise more liberal things for the promotion of His kingdom!

It is, however, not only the lack of sufficient funds of which complaint is made. There is also a lack of suitable men to fill our fields, particularly in our work among the German foreign population of our country. One report makes special mention of this need. Pray the Lord that he may send not only more, but suitable laborers into His harvest!

Aside, however, from the few discouragements, the work has been directed with energy and discretion throughout the whole territory, and we are happy in being able to report it, in the main, to be in a prosperous condition. The outlook for the future is more promising than ever. May we have grace quickly to enter into the harvest, which the Lord in his providence thus brings within our reach!

During this term your board has received one legacy. Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., deceased, bequeathed the sum of \$500 to the cause of Home Missions, the same to be securely invested, and the annual interest thereof to be used in the work. The executor of his estate has duly paid the amount into the hands of our treasurer, who has invested the same in accordance with the wishes of the donor. The board has made suitable acknowledgment to the heirs of our departed father in Christ for the receipt of this generous bequest.

V. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

As a step toward helping to secure enlarged giving to the cause of Home Missions, and thus, to some degree, remedy the great deficiency for the growing work to which we have referred, we would respectfully ask the special attention of synod to this point; and further, would, as suggested by the report received from the Tri-Synodic Board, recommend the propriety of adopting some suitable action, clearly and strongly urging the classes to direct the consistories to bring the apportionment made for missions down to the individual member, so that he may have the same advantage which the

synod, the classis, and the charge have in our system of apportionments, *i. e.*, a definite knowledge of his proportion of the amount to be raised. Along the same line, and to attain the same beneficent end, we would further recommend the consideration of adopting the wise and helpful business principle usually followed in secular organizations of systematically getting monthly, or even quarterly, offerings to the Lord in behalf of this cause. This principle is already practically carried into effect in our congregational missionary societies, and in their experience proves to be an immense help in raising their funds. Why should not the same principle be brought to bear, in some way, practically upon the hearts and consciences of our membership generally, in order to quicken them to a more living interest in, and a more generous support of this work?

We have been informed that in certain sections of the country our church is coming into contact, more and more, with the Hungarian and other foreign elements that are becoming incorporated into our national life, some of whom are Protestants and desire the ministrations of the gospel according to the faith of the Reformed Church. But, these ministrations, to be effective, must be in their own tongue. We would, therefore, recommend to your consideration the propriety of authorizing your board to enter into correspondence with reliable church authorities in Europe with a view of inducing suitable foreign ministers to immigrate to this country for the purpose of entering our missionary service in order to minister to these brethren of another nationality that are thrown upon our shores, and thus brought within our reach.

Our last request and recommendation is mainly in the language of a special action passed by the board at Pittsburg, Pa., December 11th and 12th, 1888, which in substance reads as follows:

WHEREAS, some of the District Synods have hitherto found it impracticable to follow the direction of the General Synod to "so carry forward their home missionary work in such a manner as to open the way for unification," and have requested the General Synod to supplement its action at its next meeting: Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we unite with these synods in their request

and urge that such action be taken as will remove, as far as possible, all the obstacles, whether real or imaginary, that seem to be in the way of such District Synods yielding obedience to the General Synod, and to direct as rapidly as possible the transfer of missions and funds from the District Synods and the "Ursinus Union" to the General Board.

VI. HARBOR MISSION.

The Harbor Mission at the port of New York in the religious interests of immigrants is still continued with Rev. Charles H. Ebert as the incumbent missionary. No other work of this character has as yet been undertaken. In accordance with the instruction given at the last session of your reverend body, our board took immediate steps looking toward the transfer of this work to the care of the German Synod of the East. The transfer was completed in September, 1887, when, upon our formally tendering the work to the said synod at its sessions held in Buffalo, N. Y., our overture was accepted. Since that date the mission has been conducted under the supervision of the Board of said German Synod, to whom the missionary has regularly given account of his labors. We regret that we are obliged to inform synod of a deficiency in the funds necessary for the support of this department of work. Of the \$2,024 apportionment to the several District Synods three years ago, the sum of only \$1,804.54 has been paid into our treasury, leaving a deficit of \$421.06. For the continuance of this work we would recommend that your reverend body make another apportionment of \$2,000 to the several synods, together with a sufficient amount to provide for the above deficit.

VII. TABULATED STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD.

The following tables of statistics will more particularly exhibit the numerical progress of the work during the period now closing, as well as its present status:

1. (a.) Table of the General Board, showing the number of Missions under its care, with their numerical strength for the past year.

MISSIONS.		MISSIONARIES.												Value of Ch. Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.	Appropriation by the Board.
Congregat'ns	Confirmed Members.	Unconf'm'd Members.	Baptisms.	Additions by Con., Cer., &c.	Contrib. for congregat'n'l purposes.	Contributed for Benevolence.	(Contributed for Missions.	Sund'y-sch'ls	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Value of Ch. Property.	Value of Parsonage Property.				
Ada, Ohio.....	140	70	4	3	\$745 00	\$155 00	\$70 00	3	28	210	\$3,000	\$600	\$175			
Alamont, Illinois.....	78	38	4	3	250 00	47 00	47 00	1	12	55	2,000	.....	250		
Colon, Mich.....	100	48	10	6	450 00	55 00	55 00	2	21	120	2,500	.....	100		
Columbus, Ohio.....	1	52	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	800
Damascus, Illinois.....	58	32	1	1	212 00	80 00	51 00	2	12	77	.....	.....	150	
{ Faith Mission, { Lincoln, Neb.....	1	23	2	12	60 00	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000
{ Grace Mission, { Cleveland, Ohio.....	1	57	10	8	554 00	19 00	9 00	1	13	68	.....	.....	900	
{ Grace Mission, { Ft. Wayne, Ind.....	1	166	50	11	2,466 00	140 00	40 00	1	17	200	3,000	2,000	350			
{ Greenville, Ohio.....	1	56	22	8	122 975 00	65 00	27 00	1	18	65	4,000	.....	450		
{ Hiawatha and Baker, Kan.....	122	90	14	25	975 00	360 00	150 00	1	15	80	5,000	1,000	200			
{ Liberty Center, Ohio.....	120	46	2	2	420 00	.....	.....	.....	1	14	60	4,000	100
{ Lima, Ohio.....	85	13	9	14	286 00	68 00	32 00	3	26	145	6,500	.....	400		
{ Lyons, Kan.....	3	120	13	9	11 353 00	60 00	39 00	2	19	100	2,500	.....	500		
{ Amos Casselman Paulding, Ohio.....	4	125	75	11	1,700 00	72 00	39 00	2	16	100	3,500	.....	150		
{ Plymouth, Ind.....	3	80	40	7	458 00	118 00	16 00	2	23	110	3,000	.....	275		
{ Redfield, Dak.....	3	23	7	5	70 00	34 00	4 00	4	17	100	.....	.....	300	
{ Warren, Ohio.....	3	155	42	5	400 00	142 00	52 00	2	22	162	1,500	.....	200		
{ Wathena, Kan.....	1	107	65	9	350 00	25 00	25 00	1	7	67	600	1,000	100			
{ Braddock, Pa.....	2	90	75	9	400 00	60 00	50 00	2	20	130	1,200	.....	650		
{ DuBois, Pa.....	2	107	83	13	700 00	50 00	25 00	2	10	102	5,800	800	300			
{ Grace Mission, { Jeannette, Pa.....	1	65	45	6	153 00	14 00	10 00	1	9	40	.....	.....	700	
{ McKeesport, Pa.....	1	81	44	10	795 00	44 00	25 00	1	11	60	8,000	.....	450		
{ St. John's, { Johnstown, Pa.....	1	125	80	8	25 00	48 00	40 00	2	22	140	4,600	.....	500		
{ Scottdale, Pa.....	3	112	42	18	584 00	48 00	40 00	2	22	140	4,600	.....	150		
{ Trinity Mission, { Wilkinsburg, Pa.....	1	117	60	4	1,458 00	169 00	146 00	1	19	114	3,000	.....	250		
{ Bremen, O.....	3	113	31	15	458 00	65 00	65 00	1	22	190	.....	.....	100	
{ Hamilton, O.....	1	105	31	15	458 00	65 00	65 00	1	22	190	.....	.....	200	
{ New Basil, Kan.....	1	100	15	13	359 00	35 00	30 00	1	21	110	.....	.....	100	
{ Linfield, Pa.....	1	80	15	13	359 00	35 00	30 00	1	21	110	.....	.....	50	
{ Trinity Mission, { Norristown, Pa.....	1	157	41	25	3,035 00	110 00	100 00	1	26	230	4,500	.....	200		
{ Bethel Mission, { Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	90	20	25	607 00	97 00	69 00	1	20	275	5,000	.....	550		
{ Phoenixville, Pa.....	2	166	40	18	2,988 00	97 00	69 00	2	31	250	5,000	.....	300		
	60	3,125	1,270	278	492	\$21,315 00	\$2,152 00	\$1,171 00	44	491	3360	\$78,200	\$5,400	\$10,900		
				29.												

b) Board of the General Synod continued — General Statistics.			No. of Missions.	Became Self-Supporting.	Were Discontinued.	No. of Congregations.	Confirmed Membership.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars, Officers and Teachers.	Raised for Congregational Expenses.	Raised for Benevolence.	Paid by the Missions for Home Missions.	Receipts of the Board for Missions.	Income of the Board for Church-Building.
	1889-90	32	1	1	60	3125	44	3851	\$ 21,315	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,171	\$ 12,612		
2.) Board of Missions of Reformed Church in U. S. of Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods ("Tri-Synodic.")	1887-88	50	6	6	81	4503	63	6135	\$ 30,062	\$ 2,781	\$ 1,113	\$ 18,161	\$ 3,250	
	1888-89	57	1	3	89	5435	71	6986	38,724	3,500	1,350	18,741	2,700	
	1889-90	60	3	9	99	5560	80	8067	38,300	3,490	1,300	20,264	4,363	
									\$ 107,086	\$ 9,771	\$ 3,763	\$ 57,166	\$ 10,313	
	Present roll	39				62	3503	53	4734					
3.) Board of the Synod of Ohio.	1887-88	18	2	1	36	1284	24	1639	\$ 2,912	\$ 449	\$ 2,086	\$ 3,185	\$ 1,175	
	1888-89	16	1	1	36	1635	27	1942	4,400	760	3,870	2,825	1,091	
	1889-90	15	1	1	34	1462	28	1980	9,811	1,445		6,484	1,187	
									\$ 17,123	\$ 2,654	\$ 5,956	\$ 12,494	\$ 3,453	
4.) Board of the Northwest and Central Synods.	1887-88	25	1		30	1763	27	1890	\$ 8,023	\$ 651	\$ 197	\$ 5,025	\$	
	1888-89	33	1	2	49	1839	24	808	2,555	170	171	6,018		
	1889-90	30	2		50	1646	36	1505	1,591	695	231	5,474	2,300	
									\$ 12,169	\$ 1,516	\$ 599	\$ 16,517	\$ 2,300	
5.) Board of the German Synod of the East.	1887-88	8	1		8	1510	11	1130	\$ 12,981	\$ 217	\$	\$ 2,042		
	1888-89	8			9	1654	11	1357	12,413	543		2,532		
	1889-90	12	3	*1	13	1960	14	1739	15,207	785	449	2,885		
									\$ 40,601	\$ 1,545	\$ 449	\$ 7,459		
6.) Board of the Synod of the Interior.	1887-88	1			2	30	1	15	\$ 24	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 37		
	1888-89	2			3	50	2	60	912	8	8	385		
	1889-90	2			4	100	4	80	450	10	10	78		
									\$ 1,386	\$ 23	\$ 23	\$ 500		
7.) Philadelphia Classis.	1887-88											\$ 1,330		
	1888-89											2,049		
	1889-90											1,512		
												\$ 4,891		

NOTE—*Transferred to another synod.

The other statistics of Philadelphia Classis are included in those of the General Board.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE STATISTICS OF THE WORK.

Number of missions at present under the care of the Board of General Synod.....	32
Number of missions at present under the care of the Tri-Synodic Board	39
Number of missions at present under the care of the Bd. of the N. W. & Cen. Synods	30
Number of missions at present under the care of the German Synod of the East...	12
Number of missions at present under the care of the Synod of the Interior	2
Harbor Missions at New York	1
Total number of missions under our care.....	116

MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSIONS.

	Congregations.	Members.	Sunday-schools.	S. S. Scholars.
<i>General Board</i>	60.....	3125.....	44.....	3851
<i>Tri-Synodic Board</i>	62.....	3503.....	53.....	4734
<i>Northwest and Central Synods</i>	50	1646	36.....	1505
<i>German Synod of the East</i>	13.....	1960	14	1739
<i>Synod of the Interior</i>	4	100	4.....	80
Totals.....	189.....	10,334.....	151.....	11,909

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

By the Board of General Synod	\$ 12,612
By the Tri-Synodic Board	57,166
By the Board of the Ohio Synod.....	12,494
By the Board of the Northwest and Central Synods	16,517
By the Board of the German Synod of the East	7,459
By the Board of the Synod of the Interior	500
By the Philadelphia Classis	4,891
Less the following sums counted twice, to wit:	
From the B'd. of Ohio Syn. paid into the treasury of Gen. Syn. Board ..	\$4,738 \$113,639
From the Tri-Synodic Board	579 5,317
Sum total of receipts.....	\$108,322

REPORTED FOR CHURCH-BUILDING.

By the Tri-Synodic Board	\$ 10,313
By the Board of the Ohio Synod.....	3,453
By the Board of the Northwest and Central Synods.....	2,300
Sum total reported for church-building	\$ 16,066
Total amount contributed for Home Missions and church-building..	\$124,388
Increase over the last report	\$ 19,350
Increase over the former report for Home Missions alone.....	\$ 18,781

CONTRIBUTED BY THE MISSIONS THEMSELVES.

For congregational purposes.....	\$122,656
For benevolent purposes.....	10,671
For Home Missions.....	9,434
Total.....	\$142,761

VIII. NECROLOGY.

Again has your Board been called to note the decease of one of its members. By a sad and deplorable accident, as men speak, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., was on June 14th, 1889, suddenly called from our fellowship and council-board, as well as from his long and faithful pastorate in this city and community, to his reward in the church triumphant. In this presence-chamber, where his voice, during so many years, proclaimed the gospel of "peace and good-will" to men, and where for so long a series of years, he was permitted to break "the bread of life" unto a people in whose fellowship this synod is now assembled, it is meet and right that we should record his hearty devotion to the Reformed Church which he loved so well, and the warm interest which he ever manifested in her missionary work. In the example which he has left us of his earnest zeal, and faithful consecration to the Master's service, "being dead he yet speaketh." May we who remain realize more intensely that "the time is short," and thus more earnestly follow the faith and patience of all God's blessed saints, who have gone before us in the Lord, that at death we may enter into their joy and share their crown.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

We herewith present the triennial report of the treasurer, which has been duly audited, and found to be a true and faithful statement of the finances of the board up to the 20th inst. The aggregate receipts of the General Board from May 24th, 1887 to May 20th, 1890, including balance on hand May 24th, 1887, have been \$12,612.42; the disbursements during the same period have been \$9,803.60, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,808.82. The permanent investments of the board at present, amount to \$4,066.80. For particulars on this point we refer to the detailed statement in the treasurer's report.

We would call attention to the fact that with this meeting of synod, the term of service for the following members of the board expires: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., J. A. Peters, D. D., and John W. Love; and Elders Hiram C. Hoover and Christian M. Boush.

And now, with a profound recognition of God's manifest guidance, and help during the past three years in discharg-

ing the responsible trust committed to our hands, and sincerely grateful for His abundant blessing upon the sacred work of Home Missions of our beloved Zion, with the fervent prayer that He may inspire this synod, our ministry, and our people with a still greater zeal in helping to extend His kingdom in our own land, and throughout the world, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *President.*

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH, *Secretary.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer in Account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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1. EASTERN SYNOD.

1. Classis of East Pennsylvania.....	\$ 64 00
2. " Lebanon.....	75 00
3. " Philadelphia.....	269 20
4. " Lancaster.....	147 52
5. " East Susquehanna.....	75 48
6. " West Susquehanna.....	37 50
7. " Goshenhoppen.....	75 00
8. " Tohickon.....	211 54
9. " Lehigh.....	225 00
10. " Schuylkill.....	168 00
11. " Wyoming.....	110 85
Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer Tri-Synodic B. H. M.....	579 17
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	\$2,038 26

2. SYNOD OF OHIO.

1. Classis of Miami.....	\$ 58 27
2. " Lancaster.....	344 76
3. " Tuscarawas.....	89 42
4. " Tiffin.....	60 81
5. " Eastern Ohio.....	135 43
6. " Illinois.....	23 80
7. " Iowa.....	44 00
8. " St. Joseph.....	
9. " St. John.....	11 15
Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Treasurer Synod of Ohio.....	72 32
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	839 96
Rev. J. J. Leberman, Treas. Bd. of H. M. of Ohio Synod	4,738 80
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	\$5,578 76

3. SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

1. Classis of Zion.....	\$ 5 00
2. " Sheboygan.....	12 00
3. " Indiana.....	11 00
4. " Milwaukee.....	
5. " Minnesota.....	3 00
6. " Nebraska.....	45 00
7. " Ursinus.....	
8. " Missouri.....	29 55
9. " Chicago.....	
10. " Kansas.....	34 95
F. W. Hoff Treasurer of the Synod.....	173 60
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	\$314 10

4. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

1. Classis of St. Paul.....	\$ 35 00
2. " Allegheny.....	16 00
3. " Westmoreland.....	10 00
C. M. Boush, Esq., Treasurer of synod.....	1,623 76
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	\$1,684 76
Deducted per error, and placed to H. M. account.....	118 15
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	\$1,566 61

5. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

1. Classis of Zion.....	\$ 18 65
2. " Maryland.....	40 00
3. " Mercersburg.....	30 00
4. " Virginia.....	25 00
5. " North Carolina.....	
6. " Gettysburg.....	
7. " Carlisle.....	35 36
8. " Juniata.....	31 08
9. " San Francisco.....	
10. " Portland.....	
Henry Wirt, Treasurer of the Synod.....	232 55
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	\$412 64

6. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

1. Classis of New York.....	
2. " West New York.....	\$ 5 00
3. " Philadelphia, German.....	
4. " Maryland, German.....	
5. " West Pennsylvania.....	
Mr. Martin Hoengen, Treasurer of the Synod.....	\$133 58
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	\$138 58

7. CENTRAL SYNOD.

1. Classis of Heidelberg.....	\$ 42 00
2. " Erie.....	13 00
3. " St. John.....	
4. " Cincinnati.....	
From the Treasurer of Synod.....	173 08
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	\$228 08

GENERAL SYNOD'S INCOME FROM INTEREST AND DIVIDEND ON INVESTMENTS BOARD HOME MISSIONS.

1887.

June 1. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Stock.....	\$ 36 25
June 1. Premium on Allotment on Stock.....	44 25
Oct. 2. Six months Interest on S. S. Bonds.....	60 00
Dec. 2. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	43 50

1888.

Aprl. 2. Six months Interest on 2000 A. S. S. Co Bonds.....	60 00
June 2. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	36 25
Oct. 2. Interest on 2000 A. S. S. Co. Bonds.....	60 00
Dec. 7. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	36 25

1889.

Aprl. 1. Six months Interest on 2000 A. S. S. Co. Bonds.....	60 00
June 4. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	36 25
June 17. Premium on Allotment Penna, R. R. Shares.....	2 50
Oct. 1. Interest at 6 months on 2000 A. S. S. Co. Bonds....	60 00
Dec. 7. Dividend on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	36 25

1890.

Aprl. 1. Six months Interest on 2000 A. S. S. Co. Bonds.....	60 00
May 13. Premium Allotment on Penna. R. R. Shares.....	9 00
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	\$610 50

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Collection at General Synod at Akron, Ohio.....	\$ 18 00
Contributions from various persons.....	116 68
Interest and dividends on investments.....	610 50
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	\$745 18

LEGACY.

Hon. Joseph C. Bucher, executer estate Rev. J. Casper Bucher, D. D.....	\$ 500 00
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CONDENSED STATEMENT.

Aggregate receipts from May 24, 1887, to May 20, 1890, including balance on hand, May 24, 1887.....	\$12,612 42
Disbursements during the same period.....	\$9,803 60
Balance in the Treasury, May 20, 1890.....	\$2,808 82
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	\$12,612 42

Investments belonging to the Board of Home Missions, General Synod,
of the Reformed Church in the United States:

\$2,000 American Steamship Company, cost.....	\$2,045 00
29 Shares Penna. R. R. Company, cost.....	1,515 63
500 Central Car Trust Company, cost.....	506 17
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	\$4,066 80

May 19, 1890.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HARBOR MISSIONS, FROM MAY 24, 1887, TO
MAY 24, 1890.

1887.

May 26, Per Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen.....	\$ 2 00
June 13, Ladies' Missionary Society, Orangeville.....	15 00
June 18, per Joseph Sechler, Treasurer Illinois Classis.....	3 80
July 23, per Rev. H. Reichenbach.....	3 00
October 1, per Rev. Jacob Ziegler.....	8 40
November 1, per Jas. Reber, Treasurer Schuylkill Classis.....	40 00

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January 3, per Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Treasurer....	3 59
January 9, per Rev. J. Otto Vitz, Newville Ch.	5 00
January 20, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis...	33 02
February 6, per Geo. Hill, Treasurer East S. Classis.....	35 98
April 13, per Rev. H. S. Gekeler, Em. Congregation.....	5 00
May 8, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	20 98
May 26, per Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer E. Sus. Classis.....	18 50
July 5, per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis.....	1 91
September 14, per Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treasurer Schl Classis,	20 00
September 20, per Martin Hoengen, Treasurer.....	133 58
October 2, per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	17 54
October 2, per Henry Wirt, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....	72 00
October 9, per Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Treasurer.....	6 71
October 13, per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis....	4 86
October 17, per Rev. Jacob Ziegler.....	5 00
October 27, per Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer Wyoming Classis.....	17 00

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October 29, per Rev. C. Baum, Treasurer.....	5 00
November 8, per Rev. J. Wirz, Bellaire, Ohio.....	2 65
November 9, per Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Treasurer Ohio Synod...	26 00
November 9, per Rev. Lawrence Ziegler, Minn.....	3 00
December 31, per Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer Wyoming Classis ..	8 00
December 31, per Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa...	25 00

Carried forward \$542 52

1889.	Amount brought forward.....	\$542 52
January 2,	per Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis	17 00
January 28,	per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Cl..	16 50
March 26,	per Rev. W. Bonekemper, Im. Cong	25 00
April 5,	per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	1 33
April 9,	per Rev. J. J. Leberman, app. for 1888.....	21 91
April 13,	per D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Gosh. Classis.....	75 00
April 17,	per Mrs. P., Zion's Congregation, Buffalo.....	5 00
April 26,	per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	23 00
May 4,	per Rev. W. F. More, Catasauqua Church.....	10 00
May 6,	per Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis.....	7 76
May 15,	per Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster, Ohio.....	15 00
May 15,	per Rev. A. Houtz, Treas. Wyoming Classis	15 00
May 15,	per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. West Susquehanna Classis	15 00
May 16,	per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	16 87
May 17,	per Carrie Hottenstine, Treasurer.....	10 00
May 21,	per Rev. J. H. Pannebecker, Treas. Lancaster Classis..	42 42
May 23,	per Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis.....	12 16
May 25,	per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis.....	46 00
May 31,	per Rev. A. Houtz, Treasurer Wyoming Classis.....	10 00
June 10,	per Geo. Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis....	37 00
June 13,	per Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill Classis....	48 00
June 17,	per Rev. I. H. Reiter, Treasurer Miami Classis	3 63
June 24,	per Rev. Wm. Wohlfarth, Indiana.....	5 00
July 9,	per Rev. F. Strassner, Treasurer Central Synod.....	173 08
July 29,	per Rev. L. H. Kefauver, Treasurer Ohio Synod.....	46 32
August 17,	per Rev. J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod....	24 00
September 30,	per Rev. Henry Wirt, Treasurer Potomac Synod	160 55
October 9,	per Rev. W. A. Haas, Treas. W. Susquehanna Classis	6 00
October 15,	per Rev. J. Ziegler, Hope and St. John's.....	9 50
December 7,	per Rev. A. Schenk, Cent. Cong.....	5 00
December 19,	per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis	36 00
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January 24,	per Rev. John J. Nissley, Treas. Eastern Synod....	70 00
February 6,	per F. W. Hoff, Treasurer North West Synod.....	78 10
February 7,	per Geo. Dietz, Indiana.....	1 00
April 5,	per Rev. W. Bonekemper, Reformed Congregation....	20 00
May 7,	per Rev. Geo. H. Leonard, Treas. Lancaster Classis Ohio,	2 75
May 13,	per Isaac G. Gerhart, Treas. Tokickon Classis.....	28 00
May 15,	per Rev. J. D. Neff, Treasurer Tiffin Classis	2 92
May 16,	per F. W. Hoff, Treasurer Synod North West.....	95 50
May 17,	per C. M. Boush, Esq., Treas. Pittsburgh Synod.....	24 72
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Paid out for Harbor Missions during the same period.....	\$2,225 60
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Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted, together with the report of the board and of the treasurer. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Home Missions would respectfully present the following as their report :

There has been referred to this committee the report of the Board of Missions of the General Synod, also an overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod; a communication concerning the missions on the Pacific coast; another concerning Trinity Reformed congregation, Washington, D. C.; an item referred from the minutes of Westmoreland Classis; and there appeared before the committee Mrs. J. F. Unger, of Philadelphia, in behalf of missions among the American Indians.

From the report of the Board of Missions we learn that the number of missions at present under the care of the Board is 116. And while that is only three more than reported at the synod at Akron, Ohio, yet it is most gratifying to note the very considerable increase in the amount of money raised and expended for the prosecution of home mission work. There was contributed for the work of home missions and church extension within the past three years, \$124,388, being an increase over the amount reported for the same object three years ago of \$19,350. It is cheering to notice that several missions planted in the large centers of population have in the past three years become self-supporting, and in turn, gratefully, are helping the work elsewhere. We learn from this report that the majority of the missions are in a healthy condition and while receiving aid, have during the past three years raised among themselves, \$142,761.

But the most gratifying part of the report was that showing that the unification of missionary work, recommended by the General Synod of '87, had actually and most auspiciously begun. The Synod of Ohio, the Synod of Pittsburgh, and the Classis of Philadelphia, have transferred their missions to the care of the General Board, the three bodies named retaining their district boards to be advisory to the general board. The work of the General Board in laying hold of the large centers of population, and in starting promising missions in such cities as Cleveland, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, and Lincoln, Nebraska—thus giving to the work a broad compass, has been the means of quickening in many hearts the spirit of giving to the sacred cause of missions. And not only have the missionaries regularly, at the end of each quarter, received their stipulated salaries, but a large surplus is in the treasury to meet coming wants. Judged by the past, this board seems abundantly able to do the work General Synod asks of it, namely, to take hold of and carry forward the missionary operations of the different District Boards.

And it makes the request of this General Synod that such action will be taken that will remove, as far as possible, all the obstacles whether real or imaginary that seem to be in the way of such District Synods yielding obedience to the General Synod, and to direct as rapidly as possible the transfer of missions and funds from the District Synods and the Ursinus Union to the General Board.

The board also requests that it be allowed to correspond with pastors of the Reformed Church in Hungary-Austria with a view of inducing some of them to settle among the Hungarians in this country, so many of whom are Protestants, and members of the Reformed Church.

Another request from the board is that the General Synod adopt some suitable action clearly and strongly urging the classes to direct the consistories to bring the apportionments made for missions down to the individual member; and along the same line it recommends the consideration of adopting some wise and business principle of systematically getting monthly or quarterly offerings to the Lord in behalf of this cause.

The harbor mission at the port of New York, in the religious interests of immigrants, is now directly under the care

of the German Synod of the East, with the Rev. Charles H. Ebert as missionary. For the continuance of this work the General Synod's Board recommends the apportionment of \$2,500 to the several classes.

The overture from the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, was a request that the Board of Missions of the General Synod be allowed to give general direction to its work, the desire of the Woman's Society being, to be a helper of the General Synod in the cause of missions.

The communication concerning the Trinity Reformed congregation, Washington, D. C., contained the request that in its efforts to build a house of worship in the Nation's Capital, it be commended to the prayers and the liberality of the Reformed people throughout the land.

The letter from Oregon expresses the earnest wish that the missions on the Pacific coast be taken under the care of the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

In behalf of the Woman's National Indian Association there appeared before your committee a member of its board requesting that our Board of Missions give to them a missionary from our church, the Woman's Association promising to establish him and support him, and later to turn over to us the work he may have done, if we desire it.

Concerning the facts now stated, your committee would recommend the following action for adoption by the General Synod:

Resolved, That the request of the "Woman's National Indian Association" be referred to the favorable consideration of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the request concerning the missions of the Pacific coast be granted, and that the General Board is hereby instructed to take said missions under its care.

Resolved, That the request of the First Reformed or Trinity Reformed congregation of Washington, D. C., be granted, and their noble effort in endeavoring to erect a suitable house of worship in the Nation's Capital be hereby commended to the prayers and liberality of the Reformed Church throughout the land.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions of the General Synod be hereby instructed to correspond with the Reformed pas-

tors in Hungary-Austria, with a view to their settling among the Hungarians of this country.

Resolved, That this synod commends the efficient work of the General Synod's Woman's Missionary Society in the cause of missions, and hereby heartily commends the request it makes to the favorable consideration of the General Board. And the General Synod hereby directs the Board to suggest to the Woman's Society that they co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod as well as the Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, That synod again expresses its sense of the need of missionary work by our church among the emigrants at the harbor of New York, and its wish that the mission inaugurated there be continued. And it is hereby ordered that the sum of \$2,500 be appropriated for the support of this mission.

Resolved, (a) That this General Synod expresses its grateful appreciation of what has been accomplished for the cause of missions within the past three years by its General Board and the Board of the several District Synods; (b) that the work may be carried on still more efficiently and greater results be attained, especially in the large centers of population, the District Synods, acting now independently of the General Board, be and hereby are requested to carry forward their Home Mission work in such a manner as to open the way for unification of home missionary operations under the Board of General Synod at the earliest practicable date; (c) that the power of appointing secretaries or additional missionary superintendents, both English and German, be granted to the General Board, the District Synods having the privilege of recommending the Superintendent or Superintendents to the General Board. And the General Board is hereby instructed to prepare and submit a plan to the District Synods at their next annual meetings, rules or by-laws for the most economical and successful furtherance of their work including all the necessary points among which the following: How the District Synods shall be represented in the board; what power to act this board and its executive committee shall have; in what relation it shall stand to the District Synods or their boards, as also to the mission congregations in the church and their respective classes; what duties the synods, their boards, the classes and the mission congregations shall have; and by

whom and how new mission congregations shall be organized.

Resolved, That this synod strongly urges the synods to direct the classes, and the classes to direct the consistories to so bring as far as practicable, the cause of missions to the individual member, so that he may have the same advantage which the synod, classes and the charge have in knowing the amount of money needed, and have a definite knowledge of his proportion of the amount to be raised. And that the classes be and hereby are instructed to adopt some systematic plan of getting monthly or quarterly offerings to the Lord in behalf of this cause.

Resolved, That the classes through the synods are hereby requested to apportion upon the charges a sum that shall average, at least five cents per church member per year for a period of three years, which money shall be considered a special Church-Building Fund, to be loaned by the General Board of Missions in amounts of \$500 or more, at low rate of interest, upon good security, to new and promising missions for the erection of houses of worship, the German Synods being allowed to attend to the matter in their own way.

Resolved, That the synod hereby instructs the Board of Home Missions to co-operate with the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, in establishing Sunday-schools, in the West and in thickly settled districts of the East with a view to making there the beginnings of new congregations, when at first it is not practicable to organize congregations. And that the theological students of our institutions during their summer vacations be employed in this work as far possible.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PRUGH, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Monday evening be set apart for a synodical missionary meeting, and that the subject of Home Missions be taken into earnest consideration.

The synod met according to appointment, and, having received the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, resolved itself into a committee of the whole, with Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., in the chair, and Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach as secretary, and variously and earnestly discussed the subject of Home Missions as presented by the said Stand-

ing Committee. A good degree of interest prevailed. After due consideration, the committee rose and reported progress; and having resumed its work on Tuesday morning and completed the same, the committee finally rose and reported the result to the synod, which was adopted.

On motion, during the afternoon session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod requests the privilege of holding a popular meeting with this synod this (Thursday) evening; and

WHEREAS, The Standing Committee on Religious Services has as yet made no appointment for this evening; therefore

Resolved, That this privilege be granted, and further that all the brethren are cordially urged to be present.

The said meeting was accordingly held, and the program adopted carried into effect in the presence of a large and appreciative audience.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We thankfully acknowledge the benediction of God, which continues to crown our feeble attempts in assisting in the work of christianizing Japan, during the last eleven years, as well as for the blessings which have followed the labors of our Missionaries in Asia Minor, in India, and among the American Indians throughout the last half century. The Lord is still mindful of the seed of Christian missions planted at Broosa, at Aintab, at Marsovan, by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider; at Bismampore, by the Rev. Oscar Lohr; and among the Winnebagoes, by the Rev. Jacob Hauser. Our Semi-centennial Jubilee was celebrated in 1888, by the publication of a Historic Manual and Memorial service, which was prepared by the secretary, by authority of the board. The observance of this epoch, by our various missionary societies, Sunday-schools and congregations, greatly contributed to the furtherance of the cause. In these pub-

lications our membership were reminded that our Reformed fathers and their immediate descendants have obeyed the command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." In founding the missionary work in Central Turkey, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider, a minister of the Reformed Church, was one of the pioneers. The American Board for Foreign Missions has acknowledged that our church furnished a most successful missionary, and contributions in aid of the cause amounted to the sum of \$28,000, in a period of twenty-five years.

The decline of missionary zeal, from 1865 to 1878, was caused by our withdrawing from the American Board; by the want of a missionary of our own; by the increase of duties in the home field; and by an unfortunate church controversy. Although from 1865 to 1878 the Reformed Church had no missionary in foreign lands, considerable interest in the cause existed. During that period we contributed, through the German Evangelical Missionary Society, to the support of the Rev. Oscar Lohr, a member of the New York Classis, and his associate, the Rev. Jacob Hauser, a member of Sheboygan Classis. The laudable work among the Winnebago Indians, in Wisconsin, which is carried forward at present, by the Rev. Jacob Stucki, also received aid.

A revival of spirit of missions occurred in 1873. At the reorganization of the Board, which took place at the residence of Rudolph F. Kelker, in Harrisburg, Pa., there were present the venerable Dr. Schneider, missionary at Aintab, Asia Minor, and the Rev. Dr. J. M. Ferris, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board of the Reformed Church in America. The propriety of establishing a mission in Japan was there first entertained. During the sessions of the General Synod at Lancaster, Pa., in May, 1878, the President of the Board, Rev. Dr. David Van Horne, was authorized to obtain the information required for properly entering upon the work. Our first missionary, Rev. A. D. Gring, was elected on the 30th day of September, 1878.

During the past eleven years, seven missionaries have been sent into this promising field. We present their names with their appointments, departures, and arrivals:

	Appointed.	Departed.	Arr. in Japan.
Rev. A. D. Gring and wife	Sep. 30, 1878	May, 1879	June 1, 1879.
Rev. J. P. Moore and wife	Mar. 13, 1883	Sept. 1883	Oct. 1, 1883.
Rev. W. E. Hoy	Apr. 21, 1885	Nov. 1885	Dec. 1, 1885.
Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh	Apr. 21, 1885	June, 1886	July 1, 1886.
Miss Mary B. Ault	Apr. 21, 1885	June, 1886	July 1, 1886.
Rev. D. B. Schneder and wife.	July 7, 1887	Nov. 1887	Dec. 21, 1887.
Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh	Jan. 31, 1888	June, 1888	July 9, 1888.

For the information of the General Synod, we insert the following extracts from their last annual reports:

REV. WILLIAM E. HOY'S REPORT.

Teaching has become my primary work as a missionary. Every Monday evening I teach a Bible class, which meets in my library. I lecture at the congregational prayer meeting on the books of the Bible. Mrs. Hoy and I conduct a flourishing Sunday-school, where we have also recently started a new preaching place. Mrs. Hoy teaches a Bible class at our house on Tuesday afternoons. During the year I have been on several missionary trips, preaching, lecturing, baptizing, and administering the Lord's Supper. In September, October, November and December I averaged two sermons a week. My progress in the vernacular is just enough to give me confidence, and I am beginning to see how much there is yet to be learned. Humanly speaking, much of our comfort and well-being can be traced to our Board.

SENDAI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Sendai Theological School has had a fruitful year. Twenty-six young men are preparing for the holy ministry. Next September we shall have our first regular class in the Theological Seminary proper. This course will be three years of thorough work in the branches commonly taught in American theological seminaries. We pray that a new teacher may be sent to us not later than September 1, 1890, so as to be in time for the new scholastic year.

REV. JAIRUS P. MOORE'S REPORT.

As is known, in July of last year I removed from Yamagata to Sendai, since which time I have labored with the brethren of the mission, teaching several hours a day in the Theological Training School, and as I had opportunity and strength, assisting in the evangelistic work in and around Sendai. I also made several visits to our Tokio stations, preaching and administering the sacraments; and I am happy to say here what I have said elsewhere, that this part of our work has

shown signs of new life since my last report. Having been appointed evangelist of the mission, I hoped to devote the most of my time to this important part of the work, but on account of the postponement of the treaty revision, it is more or less difficult for us to get outside of our place of residence or the open ports, without special passports; and these it is supposed are issued only on account of health and for scientific observations. I am prevented from doing full evangelistic work, for the reasons already mentioned. What I do in the training school is an investment which, I believe, will bear compound interest in the future of our evangelistic operations.

REV. DAVID B. SCHNEDER'S REPORT.

My work, as you know, has been mainly that of teacher. This work brings with it little variety of experience, and all that I need record is that the work of teaching young men is becoming constantly dearer to me, and I hope also correspondingly more beneficial to the young men in our charge. The Sunday-schools under the care of myself and Mrs. Schneder have been prosperous during the year. I preach frequently, partly in Japanese, partly by interpretation. My preaching point on Aramachi street has been maintained during the year. During last fall I gave a course of lectures on the "Evidences of Christianity," before the students of the Agricultural School in Sendai. I have given as much time as possible to the study of the language, and have made some progress. More progress would, of course, have been made, if this duty had not been obliged frequently to make way for other duties. The health of myself and Mrs. Schneder has been good during the year, for which we are sincerely thankful to our God and Father.

MISS LIZZIE R. POORBAUGH'S REPORT.

It sometimes happens that when busied, there is least to be said about one's work. Such is the case in regard to my work for the present year. In addition to my class-room work, the oversight of two households, the care of ten supported girls, with whom we come in closer and more constant relations than with self-supporting girls, impose a good deal of care upon me. I go into the school-room at half past seven every morning and continue on an average of five and a

half hours. Allowing three hours for meals and recreation, there remain but three and one half hours between six in the morning and six in the evening in which to look after the housekeeping of both houses, receive accounts and make settlements, attend to visitors, workmen, etc.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The sudden revulsion of feeling against foreigners, of which one hears so much all over the Empire, is felt in our school, less perhaps than in some others, but it has sufficed to prevent the growth we fondly expected. The girls that are in the school are loyal pupils, very grateful for the comforts provided for them, and evince their earnestness by hard work. There has been considerable illness among them during the winter, nothing serious, however, except in two instances. Miura OHama is wasting away with consumption, and another has been confined for nearly a month with peritonitis. The Japanese girls are frail, and I often feel the need of fuller gymnastic appliances than we have for their benefit. Recently we received from the officers of the local government a proposition to make such changes in our course of study as will give young women an opportunity to secure a thorough Japanese education; this change in no wise to affect the moral or religious character of the school. In consideration of such change the government and educational society of Sendai, promise to bestow the weight of their influence in favor of the school. Hoping, believing, that this may prove our opportunity, we are making every effort to meet their requirements, in so far as the policy of the mission will permit. This will involve the employment of more and higher grade Japanese teachers during the coming year, but will require less of English, since we have concluded to teach all natural sciences and mathematics in Japanese. Whether the result will be what we desire, remains to be seen.

STATISTICS.

Pupils in the day-school.	38
Pupils in the Sunday-school.	53
Classes in the Sunday-school.	4
Bible classes.	2
Catechetical classes.	1

MISS EMMA F. POORBAUGH'S REPORT.

Apart from my work, my report must be brief. Five hours a day are spent in the school-room, where in addition to my

classes in English, I also meet my catechetical class and give lessons on the organ to six girls. My afternoons, when not interrupted by visitors, are given wholly to the language, a knowledge of which seems unattainable as it is necessary. Monday evening is always spent in consultation with the Japanese teachers, with reference to the needs, progress, etc., of the school. Wednesday evening I go to the prayer-meeting and on Saturday evening I meet the girls socially. We read for an hour, explain what we have read, engage in conversation and end with games. The object of this meeting is to gain closer companionship with the girls than can be done in the class rooms. This kind of work makes them feel that you are their friend as well as their teacher. Every Friday afternoon I give them an extra hour for sewing, knitting, etc. I also conduct evening prayers with the girls. Evenings not otherwise employed I give to the sewing machine, as it requires considerable of that kind of work to keep three people clothed.

The foregoing extracts contain no uncertain sound. May the whole church hear their words of cheer.

We next submit the action of the mission in Japan in regard to the necessity of a change of policy in our foreign missionary operations, which is as follows:

Resolved. That, in order to the adoption of a fixed mission policy, by which it is aimed to concentrate our forces, and to develop certain branches of missionary work herein to be specified, we forward to the Board the following outline or plan for the permanent work of the Japan Mission of the Reformed Church in the United States:

1. That Rev. J. P. Moore be the permanent evangelist of the mission.

2. That the main strength of the mission be expended in the development of the Sendai Theological Training School, and the Miyagi Girls' School.

3. That the development of the Sendai Theological Training School is imperative. The teaching force must be increased by the addition of native teachers, and by at least two foreign missionary teachers. The school must either develop, or else go down. We cannot stand still. The advantages of this institution must be equal to those of similar schools in the empire. A good preparatory course, and a full

theological course, must be provided for, if the school is to be a permanent success. Unless we can do for our students what other schools are doing for theirs, we cannot hope to prosper in the future.

The prospects of the school are good. The Miyagi Chuk-wai (or classis) is fully enlisted in its development. A goodly number of promising young men have already signified their intention to enter the new class for the next scholastic year. But if we wish to keep our students satisfied, we must enlarge the school, and furnish the young men as wide a course of study, training, and culture as may be given elsewhere. The students of law, medicine, science, philosophy, and literature enjoy privileges of the highest kind in the various schools in Japan; and it is of the highest importance that theological students be afforded the same opportunities for a liberal and thorough education. A well-educated native ministry will be needed to build the Japanese Christian Church on a solid and enduring basis. And they who undertake the training of young men for the Christian ministry in Japan, must found a school in which full justice can be done to the reasonable requests of eager and industrious students. That which is done in this cause must be well done. If not well done, it were better to leave it undone.

4. That the following scheme be adopted by the mission for the development of the Theological Training School:

a). Preparatory course of four years, requiring the following teachers, five native, and one or two foreign.

1. One for Chinese and Japanese.
2. One for Mathematics.
3. One for Natural Science.
4. One for Philosophy.
5. One for Translation.
6. One or two for English.

b). Theological course of three years, requiring the following teachers, two native and three foreign:

1. One for Hermeneutics, Old and New Testament Sciences of Exegesis, Introduction, and Theology.
2. One for Systematic Theology, Catechism, and History of Doctrines.
3. One for Church History, Biblical History, Sacred Geography, and Antiquities.

4. One for Natural Theology, Apologetics, and Christian Ethics.

5. One for Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Church Government, and Sacred Elocution.

6. That there is an urgent need of a new missionary teacher to teach the English language in the preparatory course.

7. That there is also an urgent need of one more missionary teacher for the Theological course; and that, therefore, the request for the appointment of Prof. Schiedt, or some one of his attainments, be repeated here without reservation.

8. That, accordingly, the adoption of a fixed and judicious missionary policy calls for at least two missionary teachers in addition to the force already in the field.

9. That, in order to its full success, it is necessary that the Girls' School be able to compete with other mission schools, and that in order to render such competition practicable, it is necessary to furnish facilities for instruction in the English language and literature, natural science, mathematics, physiology, music and drawing. It is, therefore, recommended:

a). That the school curriculum include a preparatory course of three years, and an academic course of four years.

b). That instead of encouraging the attendance of a large number of day pupils, we look forward to providing dormitories for all pupils, believing that in teaching day pupils much strength and labor is spent in vain.

c). That within the next four years two additional lady teachers of broad culture and experience be added, at intervals of two years, to the present force.

10. That the annual expense of this mission policy need not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

To establish this plan the mission gave official sanction by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we overture the board to make arrangements whereby the mission, in co-operation with the Board of Directors of the Sendai Theological Training School, may be enabled to begin the erection of the new recitation, chapel and library building for the training school early in 1890—the first year of Japan's new constitution. The treasurer of the mission reports that there is now assured for the new building fund the sum of fifteen hundred and twenty-five dollars, United States gold. The native committee appointed in

April, 1889, by the Miyagi Chukwai, is at work soliciting contributions from the native churches. If the board, as soon as one or two thousand dollars be paid into the treasury at home, would forward the same, the building operations could be begun to great advantage. The balance of the fund could be sent as received.

To the above we add that the experience of this, as well as of other similar Boards of Foreign Missions, has convinced us that the only way successfully, and speedily, to Christianize Japan, is by a change of our former policy, and instead of sending so many missionaries as preachers, to hereafter spend our strength on the Theological Training School in Sendai, and there prepare young Japanese to go out and preach the gospel to their people. For this change of policy three reasons are urged :

1. A Japanese preacher can speak to his people more acceptably than a foreign missionary, because he can speak the language in its purity, whereas the foreigner must, of necessity, mispronounce his words, and so offend good taste. (Notice a foreigner speaking English.)

2. The Japanese missionary will cost much less than our own. The foreign missionary must have his own dwelling, and his manner of life can not be that of the Japanese; but the Japanese pastor can live as his people do, and so at little expense.

3. Then, too, educate Japanese ministers, and these can readily preach the gospel in the countries bordering on Japan, namely, China and Corea. This he can do as no foreigner can; for he speaks the language and understands the people of those countries as no foreigner can.

For these leading reasons we must support our training school in Sendai, Japan, and in a few years we will have a strong force of Japanese pastors.

To support a student in the training school costs only sixty dollars per annum, and many a congregation can easily do this.

The following official letter from the mission will enable the church to see how earnestly they are engaged in pursuing their work under the new method :

75 HIGASHI SAMBANCHŌ, SENDAI, JAPAN,

December 18, 1889.

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions:

DEAR BROTHER:—The following action was taken at a special meeting of the mission held yesterday:

WHEREAS, The present urgent needs of the Sendai Theological Seminary are such as to make the erection of a building during the year 1890 a necessity.

Resolved, That we respectfully petition the board to give us their decision as to whether or not they will be able to erect the needed recitation, library, and chapel building, (the same to cost from \$4,000 to \$5,000 United States gold,) during the said year; and if it be thought by them an impossibility to undertake this enterprise during the next year, that Brother Hoy, the Treasurer of the Mission, be allowed to go forward with the erection of the building, he being willing to make himself personally responsible for the payment of the same until the needed funds shall have been fully contributed by the church.

Resolved further, That as the work of our mission stands or falls with the theological school, we feel very strongly that this is the only course that is left open to us.

(Signed.)

D. B. SCHNEDER,
Secretary of the Mission.

It will be interesting to study the following:

STATISTICAL REPORT.

	Organized churches.	Churches self-supporting.	Preaching stations.	Baptized converts.	Membership.	Girls' schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological schools.	Scholars in same.	Native ministers.	Unordained preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible women.	Contributions for all purposes.
Nihon Bashi.	1	..	..	13	93	..	..	1	36	..	..	1	1	1	..	\$113 30
Iwatsuki	1	..	1	9	98	..	..	1	40	..	..	1	1	..	..	185 00
Matsubayashi & Noda .....	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	9 00
Bancho	1	1	1	31	235	..	..	1	105	..	..	1	..	..	..	370 00
	3	1	2	53	466	..	..	4	221	..	..	1	2	1	1	\$677 30
Sendai.	4	1	6	104	729	1	40	10	461	1	26	5	5	2	2	\$1,200 00
Fukushima																
Nakamura																
Hobara																
Shiroishi																
Tome	1	..	1	2	101	..	1	70	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	175 00
Yamagata																
Tsurugaoka																
Iwanuma																
Ishinomaki																
Furukawa	1	..	1	7	76	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	1	..	..	70 00
Hakodate	1	1	1	45	43	..	..	1	15	..	..	1	..	..	..	130 00
Mombetsu	1	1	1	..	120	..	..	1	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	287 85
Mororan	1	1	1	..	121	..	..	1	45	..	..	1	..	..	..	295 00
	9	3	10	165	1,190	1	40	15	694	1	26	6	8	2	2	\$2,157 85
Grand Total.	12	4	12	218	1,656	1	40	19	915	1	26	7	10	3	2	\$2,835 15

Owing to the meeting of the General Synod, our mission in Japan has sent the statistics for the year ending May 31, 1890. earlier than usual. The figures, given above, represent the work of about nine months. The table is a study for the mind, a feast for the soul, and an inspiration to every friend of foreign missions. When we consider the native opposition to Christianity, and the other obstacles in the way, the missionaries did very well during the past year. Full of zeal and courage, they enter upon the new fiscal year with great expectations. May they realize their fondest hopes. *To this end we must do our duty.* The Lord help us to appreciate the emphasis.

On the 11th of June, 1887, our venerable and beloved secretary, Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., departed this life at Lebanon, after a long and painful illness. Resolutions commemorative of his efficient and faithful services in the foreign mission work were adopted. The vacancy in the board was.

filled by the election of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, of Pottsville, Pa., who was at the same time elected secretary. The board, with deep regret, was also unexpectedly deprived of the valuable services of our president, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., on the 16th of May, 1888, who, having been elected to the chair of Dogmatic and Practical Theology in Heidelberg Theological Seminary of Tiffin, Ohio, considered it his duty to resign his membership. This vacancy was filled by the election of Rev. John H. Prugh, of Pittsburg, Pa., and of Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., as President, and Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Vice-President of the Board.

On the 13th of September, 1887, the Rev. David B. Schneider was elected as one of our missionaries. Farewell services were held during the sessions of the synod at Sunbury, Pa., and subsequently at Akron, Ohio. He sailed from San Francisco for Japan on the 29th of November following.

Miss Mary B. Ault, one of our teachers in the girls' school at Sendai, having resigned her position, to take effect June 1, 1888, and married Rev. W. E. Hoy, missionary at Sendai, Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh, of Berlin, Pa., was elected on the 3d of January, 1888, to fill the vacancy. Farewell services were held in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburgh, on the 23d of May, 1888, under the direction of Rev. Doctors Weiser and Dahlman, Rev. Bartholomew, and Elder B. Kuhns, the committee appointed for that purpose. Miss Poorbaugh sailed from San Francisco for Japan on the 21st day of June following.

Finding that our property, No. 28 Tsukiji, Japan, needed very extensive repairs, and was depreciating in value, the board sold the same for three thousand *yen*, and applied the proceeds to the erection of missionary residences in Sendai.

One of the most important events connected with our history in the last three years was the visit of Rev. Masayoshi Oshikawa, a native gospel minister of Japan, made at the request of our mission at Sendai. He attended all our district synods, traveling more than ten thousand miles in visiting and preaching to our congregations, practicing the most rigid and judicious economy in expenditure. His amiable, modest and gentlemanly Christian demeanor among our ministers and people served as an inspiration to all who were so fortunate as to meet or learn to know him. He remained

in this country from April, 1889, to January 31, 1890, on which latter date he sailed from New York, intending to visit a number of cities in England, Scotland, France and Germany, in the interests of Foreign Missions, and particularly of our work at Sendai. He sailed from Brindisi March 31, 1890, hoping by way of the Mediterranean and Red Seas to reach Japan early in May. While in this country, we elected him as a teacher in our Theological Seminary at Sendai. The prayers of the church should not cease to ascend to God, that the health and life of this devoted Christian minister may be precious in his sight, and that he may long be spared to serve the Lord in his native land. The extremely interesting volume prepared by our secretary, containing a history of the life of Rev. Oshikawa, has received the hearty approval of the board, and we trust that it may meet with a wide circulation. The author has generously determined to donate all the profits arising from the sale of the work to the cause of Foreign Missions.

In 1889 the authorities of the Boys' School at Yamagata desired to be relieved from the further fulfillment of our contract with them, and our missionary, Rev. Jarius P. Moore, also requested to be transferred to Sendai. Both of these propositions were agreed to, and Brother Moore has since been assiduously engaged with our missionaries in the latter city. Our senior missionary, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, having repeatedly, within the previous several years, requested permission to return on account of his impaired health, and that of his estimable wife, the board yielded to his desire and granted him the necessary furlough and means. He arrived in America in May, 1887, and was subsequently employed by the board in visiting the synods and congregations of our church in the interest of the mission, until his resignation on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1889, to take effect May 1, 1889.

In our last triennial report we acknowledged the gift of Rev. J. I. Swander, D. D., and of his esteemed wife, of Fremont, Ohio, of eleven hundred dollars for the purchase of several acres of land in the center of the city of Sendai, on which to erect our Girls' School Building, and when informed that we proposed sending out Rev. D. B. Schneder, the treasurer received the further sum of eight hundred dollars from Mrs. Swander, to be appropriated to his support. The same

kind Providence which provided the land upon which our Girls' School Building could be erected inspired Elder Benjamin Kuhns, of Dayton, Ohio, to purchase for us at an expense of over seven hundred dollars the school desks and other furniture required for the building, including also the freight on the same to Japan. It is also proper to notice the gift of five hundred dollars made by Ernest D. Floto and his wife Elizabeth, of Forreston, Illinois. Within the last year the legacy of Rev. J. Casper Bucher, D. D., deceased, of Lewisburg, Pa., of five hundred dollars was received by our treasurer to be invested, and the interest thereof to be used for the education of native young men for the gospel ministry. These, as well as many other donations in money and the gift of a fine cabinet organ by the "Miller Organ Co.," of Lebanon, Pa., clearly indicate the growing interest in our denomination in Foreign Missions.

We also record with gratitude to God the fact of the erection and completion of a large and beautiful school building and two dwelling houses for our missionaries upon our property in Sendai. The former was dedicated with appropriate exercises on the 9th of July, 1889. As herein before stated, our theological school needs an additional teacher, and the over-taxed energies of Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, in the management of the Girls' School makes it imperatively necessary that another lady teacher be at once sent to her relief. To enable the board to respond to these pressing claims and to carry on the work already in hand, to discharge the debt of twenty-five hundred dollars resting upon them, as well as to complete the Theological Seminary Building, will require for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1890, the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

The treasurer, as on all similar occasions, presented to the board a detailed statement, exhibiting every item of his receipts and expenditures within the last three years, and in addition thereto a summarized statement thereof. To have published the former, as heretofore done, in our triennial report to your reverend body, would, on account of the largely increased number of contributions, have added at least one hundred and fifty pages, and incurred an additional extra expense of several hundred dollars for the edition of five thousand copies.

As all the contributions to the treasurer were acknowledged in the church papers from time to time, and a receipt sent to every donor for the same by the treasurer, the board resolved to publish in this report the summarized statement only.

His accounts were duly audited by a committee appointed for that purpose, and found to be correct. The balance on hand was eight hundred dollars and forty-six cents.

The collections made in the congregations on the occasion of the semi-centennial jubilee greatly exceeded the whole expense of printing and expediting the Historical Manual and Forms of Service prepared by the secretary. In like manner, a large profit has been realized from the sale of the lithographs of the pupils of the Girls' School in a group, and of the Girls' School Building erected by the board in 1889. These publications, although apparently expensive, have greatly benefited the cause, not only pecuniarily, but by the information they have diffused, and the increased interest created by their circulation.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the editors of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, *The Christian World*, *The Reformed Church Record*, *Kirchenzeitung*, *Hausfreund*, and *Missions-Bote*, in inserting so cheerfully all matters pertaining to the Foreign Mission work.

Our charter requires that four ministers and two elders be elected by the General Synod, at its present session, to serve as members of the board for the term of six years. The terms of office of the following named brethren expire, viz: Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Rev. A. R. Bartholmew, Rev. John H. Prugh, and Elders Benjamin Kuhns and William H. Seibert. We further express the hope that General Synod will, during its session, hold missionary services and commend the Japan mission to the prayer and benevolence of the whole church.

Reverently committing our cause into the hands of Him who bade his disciples to go forth and preach his gospel to every creature, and looking to your reverend body for the approval of our work, and that you will be pleased to take such measures for enlarging and bringing the same before the church as in your wisdom you shall see proper, we close this report by invoking upon you the benediction of the Triune God. Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT Z. WEISER, *President*.

HARRISBURG, PA., May 7, 1890.

2. Summary Report of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Board, exhibiting the receipts and expenditures for three years from May 3, 1887, to May 6, 1890.*

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RECEIPTS.

To balance in Treasurer's hands May 3, 1887....		\$5,766 24
Interest on temporary loans.....	\$ 68 39	
Temporary loan repaid.....	500 00	
Interest on Brinker Legacy.....	201 20	
Interest on Dechant Legacy to April 1, 1890....	12 00	\$ 781 59
Legacy Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., invested and interest only to be used for educating young men for the ministry at Foreign Mission Stations of the Board.....	500 00	
Donation of Samuel Summy, Greenfield, Ohio, in memory of Catharine Summy invested and interest to be used for same purpose.....	100 00	\$ 600 00
Legacies received for immediate use, viz: Susan Johnson, Franklin county, Pa.....	75 00	
Sarah Winings, Harrison county, Ohio.....	152 97	
Elder George H. Strott, Baltimore, Md.....	100 00	\$ 327 97
Loan from Harrisburg National Bank.....	\$3,000 00	
Loan from Miss Alice V. Calder.....	1,500 00	\$ 4,500 00
		\$11,975 80
Actual contributions from all other sources exclusive of Legacies and "Summy" donation...		47,233 84
		<u>\$59,209 64</u>

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EXPENDITURES.

Rev A. D. Gring, viz:		
Cash sent to him at Franklin Grove, Ill., per his order after his arrival from Japan.....	\$ 20 00	
Balance on settlement up to July 1, 1887, per report of Auditing Committee, Elders W. H. Seibert and B. Kuhns.....	183 46	
Salary July 1, 1887 to May 1, 1889.....	3,075 00	
Traveling expenses from July 1, 1887, to June 1, 1888, and from Oct. 1, 1888, to May 1, 1889.		
(No traveling done from June 1, 1888, to Oct. 1, 1888.....	448 35	
Amount carried forward.....		\$ 3,726 81

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 3,726 81
Salaries, rents and necessary expenses paid the missionaries in Japan from May 3, 1887, to May 6, 1890, viz:	
Rev. J. P. Moore.....	5,934 19
Rev. William E. Hoy.....	5,148 71
Rev. D. B. Schneder.....	5,229 49
Lizzie R. Poorbaugh.....	2,615 36
Emma F. Poorbaugh.....	2,047 86
Mary B. Ault.....	670 34
School lot in Sendai.....	225 25
Evangelistic work.....	4,010 77
Taxes, insurance and repairs on house in Tokio.	244 11
Maintaining Girls' School.....	1,553 92
Investment of legacies made.....	2,209 83
For erection of Girls' School Building and residences for lady teachers and Rev. W. E. Hoy.	8,250 00
For Theological Seminary Building to be erected.	2,000 00
Rev. M. Oshikawa for support and traveling expenses in visiting the synods and congregations of the church including passage money from Japan to America and return.....	1,109 25
Rev. M. Oshikawa, salary as Japanese teacher in Theological Seminary, Sendai, from May 1, 1890, to Sept. 1, 1890.....	233 33
Bruekler and Kessler for 15,000 copies of pictures of the pupils of Girls' School, Sendai, (in group).....	398 50
Bruekler and Kessler for 10,000 copies of picture of Girls' School Building, Sendai.....	248 50
School books and books for libraries of Theological Seminary and Girls' School.....	263 52
D. R. Miller, architect for plans and specifications for Girls' School Building \$100.77, and Theological Seminary, \$67.50.....	168 27
Maintaining Theological Seminary at Sendai ..	2,134 41
Historic Manuals and Jubilee Memorial Services	818 03
Salary due the late Dr. Johnston, secretary.....	50 00
Salary and traveling and other expenses, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, secretary.....	1,533 63
Interest paid on loans.....	131 17
Harrisburg National Bank on account of principal of loan.....	2,000 00
Education of certain pupils in Graham Female Seminary, Tokio, Japan.....	282 40
Amount carried forward.....	\$49,510 84

Amount brought forward.....	\$49,510 84	
Cablegrams to Japan in all.....	115 04	
Traveling expenses of the board and executive committee.....	926 61	
Insurance, freight, postage, telegrams, printing, etc.....	488 93	
Extra passports for missionaries in Japan.....	154 53	
Traveling expenses of Rev. W. E. Hoy to Osaka Synod.....	49 00	
One copy of Rein's Japan for Rev. A. D. Gring..	5 63	
One copy of Rein's Japan for Rev. D. B. Schneder	5 63	
Missionary maps for use of Rev. A. D. Gring.... while lecturing on Missions (maps returned to secretary afterwards).....	29 38	
Twenty-five sets of the proceedings of "The London Missionary Conference" sold to members of the board and Reformed Publication Board	37 00	
Pulpit desk for Theological Seminary the amount being donated for that purpose by Miss Lizzie Roney, Dayton, Ohio.....	25 00	
Moneys donated for erection of a dwelling in Sendai for Rev. A. D. Gring, but recalled by the donors after his resignation and repaid by the treasurer, viz:		
Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Martinsburg, W. Va.....	\$ 50 00	
Miss Jane M. Powers, Lancaster, Pa.....	1 00	51 00
Temporary loan.....		500 00
Incidental expenses of the mission in excess of appropriation.....		798 00
Taxes on property in Sendai.....		12 76
Extra freight paid in Japan.....		20 67
Fire proof safe for missions at Sendai.....		75 00
Chapel fund.....		180 00
Bible women.....		175 00
Extra teachers in Yamagata.....		189 59
Organ for Girls' School and freight thereon.....		114 75
Commission on drafts sent to Japan.....		9 46
Lamps and other furniture for Girls' School Building, exclusive of furniture donated by Elder B. Kuhns.....		141 60
Amount carried forward.....		\$57,342 23

Amount brought forward.....	\$57,342 23
For clerical help to treasurer for three years, June 1, 1887, to June 1, 1890.....	600 00
Printing Third Triennial Report of the Board 1884 to 1887.....	373 95
Copy of the will of Sarah Wining, deceased and of administration account of her estate.....	3 00
Type writer for use of secretary of the board....	90 00
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	\$58,409 18
Balance in treasurer's hands, May 6, 1890.....	800 46
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	<u>\$59,209 64</u>

INVESTED ASSETS OF THE BOARD MAY 6, 1890.

Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin county, Pa., No. 460, June term, 1887, against Lewis O. Phillips of Harrisburg, pay- able with interest at 5 per cent per annum semi-annually, May 20, 1891, and dated May 20, 1887, being the amount of the "Brinker Legacy".....	\$ 1,609 83
Judgment in the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin county, Pa., dated April 3, 1890, No. 222, June term, 1890, payable with interest at 6 per cent semi annually, April 3, 1895, against Martin H. Grunden of Steelton, Pa.....	500 00
Coupon Bond Common School District of the City of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 87, "Dechant Leg- acies" (4 per cent).....	100 00
Coupon Bond Common School District of the City of Harrisburg, Pa., No. 282 (4 per cent) "Summy" donation	100 00
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Total invested funds	<u>\$2,309 83</u>

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

HARRISBURG, PA., May 6, 1890. .

We the undersigned, a committee appointed to examine and audit the foregoing accounts of R. F. Kelker, treasurer, hereby certify that we have attended to that duty and found the same correct, and that the balance in his hands is as above stated eight hundred dollars and forty-six cents.

(Signed,)

JOHN H. PRUGH,
A. C. WHITMER,
WM. H. SEIBERT,
Committee of Auditors.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, during the afternoon session of the eighth day (Thursday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the report of the board and of its treasurer, adopted; and is as follows:

The following papers were referred to your Committee on Foreign Missions, namely, the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions and a communication from our missionaries in Japan.

From these papers we gather the following facts which deserve the especial consideration of this reverend body.

First of all we learn that during the past three years, God has truly blessed our work in the foreign field. The number of our missionaries has been increased, and there has also been a considerable increase in the amount of the contributions received from our churches for missionary purposes.

In the second place we learn that the board has determined on the policy of devoting its labors more especially to the permanently establishing and maintaining of schools for the instruction of the young and the preparing of natives to preach the gospel to their fellowmen, believing that in this way the evangelization of Japan will be most speedily accomplished.

In the third place we learn that additional buildings and teachers are needed in Sendai, where our schools are located and all our missionaries are now laboring, for the more successful carrying forward of our missionary work.

Finally, we learn, that the contributions heretofore received from our churches have not been sufficient to meet the wants of our missionary operations in the foreign field, and that consequently, the board has been compelled to borrow a considerable sum of money to pay promptly its missionaries, and meet its other necessary expenses.

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we heartily and thankfully acknowledge the goodness of our heavenly Father in blessing the work of our missionaries in Japan, and that we devote ourselves with increased zeal and energy to the glorious work of evangelizing the world.

Resolved, That we approve of the policy adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions in carrying forward the work intrusted to their care.

Resolved, That our District Synods and Classes, be instructed to take such action as will bring the cause of foreign missions more prominently before the members of our churches and induce them to contribute more liberally towards its support.

Resolved. That the board be instructed to do all they possibly can to establish on a firm basis the schools now under their care, and to increase their efficiency, but at the same time be requested to limit their expenditures to their receipts, so as not to become financially involved.

There was also referred to your committee, a "Manual of Rules, etc., for the use of the board, missionary candidates, and missionaries under appointment in their fields of labor," prepared by Rev. A. D. Gring, and submitted by him for consideration and adoption by this synod. From our examination of this Manual, we are disposed to believe that the publication of such a hand-book would be of real service to the cause of missions. We would therefore recommend, that this Manual be referred to the favorable consideration of the Board of Foreign Missions, and that it be instructed to publish this or some similar work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman*.

During the morning session on Saturday, the Standing Committee on Overtures, reported in item 17, that Elder Rudolph F. Kelker tenders his resignation as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and asks synod to accept it.

On motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod can not see its way clear to accept his resignation, and that it respectfully and urgently requests him to remain on the board, at least until the close of his present term.

V. ELECTION OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

Members whose term expires May, 1893:

Rev. John Bachman.	Rev. John J. Leberman, D. D.
“ John M. Kendig.	Elder Charles Santee.
“ Dewalt S. Fouse.	“ John S. Zimmerman.

Members whose term expires May, 1896:

Rev. John A. Peters, D. D.	Rev. Charles F. Kriete.
“ Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.	Elder Christian M. Boush.
“ John H. Sechler.	“ Hiram C. Hoover.

Officers of Board of Home Missions:

Rev. John A. Peters, D. D., *President*, Danville, Pa.
 Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D., *Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.
 Mr. Charles Santee, *Treasurer*, 532 N. 6th St., Philadelphia.

2. *Board of Foreign Missions.*

Members whose term expires May, 1893:

Rev. Benj. Bausman, D. D.	Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D.
“ Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Elder Rudolph F. Kelker.
“ Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	“ Goldsboro. S. Griffith.

Members whose term expires May, 1896:

Rev. Allen R. Bartholomew.	Rev. Peter Greding, D. D.
“ Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	Elder Benjamin Kuhns.
“ John H. Prugh.	“ Joseph L. Lemberger.

Officers of the Board of Foreign Missions:

Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., *President*, East Greenville, Pa.
 “ Nicholas Gehr, D. D., *Vice-President*, Philadelphia, Pa.
 “ Allen R. Bartholomew, *Secretary*, Pottsville, Pa.
 Hon. Rudolph F. Kelker, *Treasurer*, Harrisburg, Pa.

VI. ACTION IN THE GRING CASE.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the Friday morning session, reported in item 3 that Rev. Ambrose D. Gring presented a paper in which he complains to the General Synod against the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in view of certain implied charges against his character, contained in a certain article published over the signatures of said board, and requests an investigation.

The same committee, during the Tuesday afternoon session, reported in item 24 that a communication was received from Zion's Classis of the Synod of the Potomac in relation to the Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions and Rev. A. D. Gring.

On motion, in regard to these matters, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of Rev. Ambrose D. Gring be granted, and that a special committee be appointed to make the desired investigation.

Resolved, That the committee consist of eleven members including one from each of the district synods, that it have power to send for persons and papers, and that it is directed to report to this meeting of the General Synod.

The committee as appointed consists of Revs. Dr. Thomas G. Apple, Dr. George W. Williard, Fred. W. Berleman, Henry Bair, John Bachman, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, Charles F. Kriete, John A. Hoffheins, Elders Wm. R. Barnhart, Daniel S. Rentch and J. Harry Buckingham.

This committee, during the evening session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and it is as follows:

The committee to which was referred a letter from Rev. A. D. Gring, making complaint against a certain article published in the *Reformed Church Messenger* over the signatures of the twelve members of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in reference to the resignation of Rev. A. D. Gring as missionary to Japan, begs leave to present the following report:

In order that the whole case may be presented in an intelligible form, we insert here, first of all, the article referred to, published in the *Reformed Church Messenger*, (September 11, 1889):

AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN
THE UNITED STATES.

To the Pastors and Members of the Reformed Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:—An "Open Letter" addressed to the Board of Foreign Missions of our church, and published in

the *Messenger, Christian World*, and *Kirchenzeitung*, and signed by Rev. A. D. Gring, a former missionary of this board, has been brought to our notice.

Although we realize that it may be thought by some that it does not comport with the dignity of the board officially to take cognizance of such a letter, yet we are willing, for the sake of the church and of the cause of missions, to do what we would certainly refrain from doing under other circumstances.

For several years after Rev. A. D. Gring's arrival in Japan, the work was in his own hands, and we were entirely dependent upon him for all our information as to its character and needs. Everything that was asked for by him, for his personal comfort and for the prosecution of the work, was cheerfully granted. It was not long, however, until the letters received from him were of a character that caused great pain and serious apprehension. His spirit of insubordination and the extraordinary expenditure of the moneys devoted to the sacred cause of missions, became so marked that they could no longer be tolerated. These facts, together with the oft reiterated statements made by him that his health and that of his estimable wife was suffering, and imperatively demanded his return to America for recuperation, finally led the board to grant his request. It was hoped that the relations of the parties would be changed and better understood, if our missionary could be communicated with face to face. In this hope we were disappointed. Instead of regarding himself the appointee of the board, bound by written contract as well as by his ordination vows as our missionary to obey our instructions, the responsibility to rest upon us, his course became more and more imperious, and made our meetings painful in the highest degree, so much so, that a number of the members offered to resign their positions out of discouragement over his arbitrary conduct.

Our most explicit instructions were disobeyed. Hoping, however, that he might change his course, and realizing that many thousands of dollars had been spent in preparing him for usefulness, and believing that a portion of the church desired it, the board agreed to return him to Japan, he offering to raise \$2,500 with which to erect an American residence—the only condition upon which he would agree to return.

But when the time came for his departure, he reported that only two-thirds of this amount had been pledged, whilst less than one-third was in the hands of the treasurer, and hence it was impossible for the board to send him out, erect a dwelling and maintain him, all of which would have required six thousand two hundred dollars for the first year. This being plain to him as well as to the board, he offered his resignation, not that he desired to do so, but he himself realized the inability of the board to pay the large sum needed. It is also necessary to state, that when the board resolved to return the Rev. A. D. Gring, it was intended that he should take the place of Rev. D. B. Schneder and assist Rev. W. E. Hoy in the Theological Training School, and that Rev. D. B. Schneder should go to the assistance of Rev. J. P. Moore at Yamagata, the board having been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain a suitable person for the latter position, the brother unanimously elected to the same having declined accepting it. If asked, Why was not Rev. A. D. Gring returned on account of this failure, it must be replied that he has repeatedly declared his preference for evangelistic work and that he was "not constituted to serve as a teacher."

In the meantime, information was received from the mission that such an arrangement would be highly disastrous to the training school. Besides this, the impaired health of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Moore requiring their removal, and the Yamagata authorities asking to be relieved of their obligation to sustain the Rev. J. P. Moore, it became necessary that Rev. D. B. Schneder should remain the assistant of Rev. W. E. Hoy, and the board accordingly so directed.

This action at once superseded the necessity of sending either Brother Gring or any other person as a missionary at that time. The board believed that the above reasons given were sufficient to justify them in accepting the resignation of Rev. A. D. Gring, and hoped that all "other reasons" might continue to lie buried in the minds of the members, so that no injury would ensue to the future usefulness of the brother. In this spirit the resolution (heretofore published) was passed, commending him for his zeal and energy as the pioneer missionary of the church in Japan.

The statement that "circulars were sent out to ministers, having" for their object, apparently, to show that the board

wished my resignation for reasons different from those given, when my resignation "was asked for, and those afterwards published to the church," is incorrect. These so-called "circulars" were not such, for they were not generally circulated, but were prepared, the first, for the use of the board only, and the second sent only to such ministers as sought information, and to a few others who the board had heard were opposed to their action, which opposition, we believed, was only because that they had not been correctly informed.

The experience of the board with the brother has made it manifest that he should have been recalled five years ago, and that only a feeling of charity and forbearance has led them into the mistake of retaining his services. The church should know that some of its most liberal supporters among our ministry who knew the circumstances, declared their unwillingness to continue their support if he were returned, whilst others demanded his return.

Notwithstanding this painful recital of facts, it is gratifying for the board to announce, that never in the history of our mission, has the work in Japan been in a more prosperous condition. Our new building for the Girls' School has been completed and dedicated under the most favorable circumstances. Homes for the lady teachers and for Rev. W. E. Hoy have been erected. These are all paid for. The training school is in successful operation, and both it and the Girls' School enjoy the full confidence of the best people of Sendai. The board looks forward to an increase of our teaching force in answer to the recent request of the mission, as soon as means are furnished and a suitable person can be found qualified to assist the brethren in the field.

The board, in changing its policy, has fallen into the line of other Foreign Mission Boards who have found that the triumph of the gospel in Japan depends not so much on the sending of missionaries to preach the gospel, as in educating native converts to become the heralds of salvation to their own people.

We therefore appeal to the whole church to continue and to increase their contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

With this explanation to the church, the board unanimously rests in the full confidence that they have endeavored faithfully to carry out the sacred trust reposed in them by the General Synod.

CLEMENT Z. WEISER,
NICHOLAS GEHR,
ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW,
BENJAMIN BAUSMAN,
SAMUEL G. WAGNER,
A. CARL WHITMER,
JACOB DAHLMANN,
JOHN H. PRUGH,
RUDOLPH F. KELKER,
WILLIAM H. SEIBERT,
BENJAMIN KUHS,
G. S. GRIFFITH,

Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions.

HARRISBURG, PA., August 28, 1889.

We present next in our report the "Open Letter" from the Rev. A. D. Gring, published in the *Reformed Church Messenger*, July 31, 1889.

OPEN LETTER TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since the time when I offered my resignation to your honorable body, and during the discussion to which that resignation gave rise, I have maintained unbroken silence in the columns of our church papers. From that silence I now depart, only reluctantly, and upon compulsion.

You will bear me witness, that my resignation was not a voluntary one; it was in the highest degree, involuntary; it was a compulsory resignation. Although my own judgment did not approve the step, and all my feelings were strongly against it, yet, when it was represented by the Board to be a necessity, because of the situation the Board was in, and when I was told by the secretary and others, that dismissal was the only alternative to resignation, I, sacrificing my own feelings and judgment to those of the Board, very reluctantly offered my resignation. Before doing so, however, I was

careful to inquire of the Board, through the president, whether the reasons given by them (viz., want of funds, and that no more missionaries were at present needed in Japan) were the only reasons, on the ground of which my resignation was asked for. In this connection I was careful also to state, that if the desire for my resignation was based on reasons other than these, in particular, if it had any connection with the personal feeling, complaints and accusations against myself, on the part of several individuals (some of which known to me, and others vaguely rumored), in that case I could not conscientiously, resign, but would insist upon an investigation and trial. In reply, as often as I inquired, I was repeatedly assured by the President, Dr. Weiser, that these were the only reasons in the case, in these words, "No, Bro. Gring the Board knows no other reasons, and there is nothing on the minutes against you." Accordingly upon these repeated assurances, exclusively, after much hesitation, without due time for reflection, my resignation was secured.

Now, it has since then been more than once intimated that these were not the only reasons by which the Board was influenced, but that there were other reasons. This has been done in a communication to the *Messenger* and *Christian World* by the Secretary of the Board, and the same intimation has also been made by others. To my knowledge, letters also have been written, statements have been made, and circulars sent out to ministers, having it for their object, apparently, to show that the Board wished my resignation for reasons different from those given, when my resignation was asked for, and those afterward published to the church.

It must be plain to the members of the Board, not only how contrary to what was assured me at the time, these statements are, but also how injurious to myself personally, these letters, circulars and insinuations may be. It is because of this that I have been constrained in self defense to break my long silence, and to appeal to the Board before the church for protection against these unjust and injurious insinuations and innuendoes. I therefore respectfully and urgently ask the Board to stand by its action, and publicly deny the statement that there were other reasons in the case than given by the Board; or, should there indeed have been other reasons entertained by the Board, then to state plainly and publicly

what those reasons were, that the church may know them, and that I may be at least relieved from the odium and injury attaching to vague suggestions and obscure insinuations.

I yet cherish the hope, that by an over-ruling providence of God, the Board will soon become a unit on the question of my return to Japan, where I have spent the best years of my life in preparation for my chosen and life long work to which I yet feel myself strongly called. Or, if indeed, the Board entertain the complaints and accusations made, to properly investigate the same, and frankly and publicly state to myself and the church, the reasons why I am no longer entitled to the confidence of either the Board or the church, nor capable or worthy of longer representing and serving the church of my fathers as one of her missionaries in Japan.

Yours very respectfully, A. D. GRING.

P. S.—Since the above was written an article appeared in the *Messenger* of the 17th inst., over the signature of G. A. S., and entitled “Our Foreign Policy,” containing such grave intimations and insinuations concerning myself, as to make still more necessary, in my judgment, the publication of the above letter, and to remove whatever doubt I may previously have entertained as to the propriety of publishing it. It certainly would be well that an opportunity should be given to show whether these insinuations are well founded or not.

A. D. G.

After the reading of the above two letters in committee, the Rev. A. D. Gring read the following specifications of his complaint:

1. I complain first, that my resignation was secured from me by the Board on the strength of their statement that there was no money in the treasury, and that no more missionaries were at that time needed in Japan; that, in reply to my repeated question, whether there were any other reasons and especially any reasons relating to my character as a missionary, the president repeatedly assured me that there were no such reasons; and that afterwards, both privately and in private letters and publicly in the papers of the church, it was intimated and affirmed that my resignation was desired for other reasons. This complaint is not that the Board was influenced by other reasons, but that, after my resignation had been secured on the strength of the affirmed fact that

there were no reasons but those given, it was distinctly asserted that there were such reasons.

2. I complain of the charge of extravagance and extraordinary expenditure of moneys contributed for the sacred cause of missions.

3. I complain of the charge of insubordination and "making the meetings of the board painful in the highest degree."

4. I complain of what is implied in the statement in the "Explanatory Letter," that I ought to have been recalled five years before, and that only a feeling of charity and forbearance led them into the mistake of retaining my services.

5. I complain of the private letters and printed financial statements from the officers of the board, which were circulated, and partook of a public character, doing me injury in the minds of brethren in the church.

After the presentation of these specifications the committee proceeded to hear testimony from members of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in regard to each of the specifications, after which Rev. A. D. Gring presented rebutting evidence, and then the two parties in the case followed in order with their arguments. For this purpose the committee held the following sessions: Friday evening from seven to ten o'clock, Saturday morning and evening, Monday morning and evening, Tuesday morning and evening, and Wednesday forenoon.

After the case was closed the parties retired, and the Committee of Investigation deliberated upon the evidence and the arguments presented, and now beg leave to present their findings upon each of the specifications, as follows:

Under the first specification the committee finds from the evidence the following facts:

On the 25th of April, 1889, Rev. A. D. Gring presented to the board his resignation as missionary to Japan in these words:

"In view of information received and statements made at this meeting to the effect 'that there is no immediate need of another foreign missionary in our work in Japan, and that the state of the treasury does not warrant sending one,' I hereby reluctantly offer my resignation as one of your missionaries to take effect May 1, 1889."

A. D. GRING.

HARRISBURG, PA., April 25, 1889.

This resignation was accepted by the board in the following action :

“ In accepting the resignation of Rev. A. D. Gring as one of its foreign missionaries, this board gratefully acknowledges the valuable services which he rendered as its pioneer missionary in Japan, and bears its cordial testimony to his earnestness and zeal in the important field to which eight years of his valuable life have been devoted.

Resolved, That the prayers of this board attend Rev. A. D. Gring for his future usefulness as an able and faithful minister of Christ.

HARRISBURG, PA., April 25, 1889.”

We find that after this resignation was thus offered and accepted, complaints began to be made privately in different parts of the church against the action of the board, and this led in the same private way to a vindication of the action of the board. Finding that, in the discussion that was now going on in the church, other reasons than those referred to in his resignation were referred to, Rev. A. D. Gring published a letter to the board, in the *Messenger*, asking from the board an explanation of the matter, and the members of the board published the letter referred to in the first part of this report.

The evidence in this matter shows, and it is the opinion of the committee, that the reasons which were given by the board at the time Rev. Gring's resignation was offered, were those which the board deemed it proper to make public at the time. The board, as such, did not state that these were the only reasons, but the president of the board, it seems, did say to Rev. Gring that they were the only reasons, and that there was nothing recorded in the minutes against him, whilst the secretary intimated to him that these were not the only reasons. The fact remains that no other reasons were offered at that time, but after the matter came to be discussed as above stated, the members of the board considered it proper and necessary to publish the other additional reasons contained in their letter in the *Messenger*. These are simply the facts in the case as called forth by the first specification, and beyond this presentation of these facts your committee pass no judgment, especially as the subject matter of the letter

came under consideration by the committee in the next following specifications.

In regard to the second specification, your committee find that Rev. A. D. Gring did expend larger sums of money in his work than the board anticipated, and they frequently complained to him that his expenditures were larger than they considered right and proper. The Rev. Gring, nevertheless, presented a detailed statement to the committee of these expenditures, in which he accounted for most of the sums expended, and for a certain amount for which he could not present such a statement he acknowledged himself indebted to the board, and which he claimed he would make good to the board. We do not find in these expenditures any evidence that Rev. Gring expended any moneys outside of what he considered his regular and legitimate work as missionary, nor of any dishonesty on Rev. Gring's part in the expenditures referred to.

In regard to the third specification the committee finds from the evidence that Rev. Gring did manifest insubordination to the board, declining and refusing from time to time to comply with the requests and orders of the board. Rev. Gring claimed the right to differ from the board in regard to the proper policy to be pursued by the missionary over against the policy pursued by the board. This difference brought on an unpleasant and sharp collision between the missionary and the board, that seemed to render it impracticable, if not impossible, for the two parties to work together, and the contentions between the missionary and the board that arose in their meetings after his return, were often of a very disagreeable character. This unwillingness of the missionary to submit to the requests and orders of the board, and the excited state of feelings to which it gave rise in their meetings, rendered it impossible, in the judgment of your committee, for the two parties to continue to hold their former relations to each other without great detriment to the cause of our foreign missions.

Beyond the statement of these facts the committee do not reflect upon the conscientiousness with which Rev. Gring considered he was discharging the duties of his mission work. He seemed to claim the right to differ with the board, on the

ground that he understood better than they the nature and requirements of the work in which he was engaged; but apart from the merits of the case, this difference seemed to require that a dissolution of the relations of the two parties should take place, and the board were of the opinion that it would have been better for our interests in Japan if this dissolution had taken place at an earlier date. Doubtless both parties hoped and believed that the difference, after some experience, might cease, but instead of this it only became wider and wider as the years passed by.

In the above statement in reference to the third specification we believe that the points in the fourth and fifth specifications are also substantially covered.

Inasmuch as the complaint of Rev. Gring referred only to the letter in the *Messenger* from the members of the board, we have considered that the action of the board in reference to Rev. Gring's resignation is beyond the intent and scope of this investigation. And in regard to the complaint submitted to us for investigation, we have endeavored to confine our report to the facts in the case. We have presented only our *findings* in regard to the facts as brought out in the evidence, and we have considered that it was our duty to investigate and not to pass judgment, except in so far as this was required to present the facts. Men may have conscientious differences without involving any reflection on their moral or Christian character.

The members of the board have claimed that they had no intention to, nor did they in fact, according to their understanding of the matter, present charges against Rev. Gring in their letter, but that they merely designed to defend themselves against complaints from various parts in the church. Nor does this committee consider that the differences and difficulties that arose between the board and Rev. Gring necessarily imply a reflection upon his moral integrity, inasmuch as he claims to have acted from conscientious motives. And now that the matter has come to an end, we hope and pray that the mantle of charity may fall upon all the differences and difficulties of the past, and that all may unite in heart

and hand in carrying forward the good work of our foreign missions in Japan. Respectfully submitted,

THOS. G. APPLE,
C. F. KRIETE,
F. W. BERLEMAN
JOHN BACHMAN,
E. H. DIEFFENBACHER,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
HENRY BAIR,
D. S. RENTCH,
W. R. BARNHART,
WM. H. SCHALL,
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

Committee.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The following reports were received and considered during the present sessions of synod, and also adopted :

I. ORPHANS' HOMES—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Directors of Orphans' Homes.*

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—No particular call has been made for action on the part of the board since your last meeting. Reports have reached us from the Homes at Detroit, Butler and Womelsdorf. The affairs of the local boards have been carried on successfully. The Homes are all in a healthful condition, doing the work of the master in caring for the comfort and training of the orphans, and developing the grace of charity in the church. Our people have responded with enlarged liberality to the calls made in behalf of the orphans. Zoar, located at Detroit, began ten years ago with thirty cents, trusting in the promises of the Lord. Its property at the close of 1886 was a little over \$9,000 in value, and to-day amounts to double that sum. It consists of an asylum

for orphans and aged people with suitable buildings and equipments, valued at about \$28,000, with a debt of \$10,000, which causes them no uneasiness, however, as they rely implicitly on His help to whom belong all things. During the past three years they have received nearly \$17,000, and given a home to one hundred and two orphans and fifty-two aged persons. The society makes no distinction on account of religion or nationality, but their week-day and Sunday services are according to the Reformed rites, as also the instruction of the young.

The Bethany Orphans' Home has been greatly prospered and liberally supported. The number of orphans, eighty-one, now cared for, is up to the full capacity of the institution. And as the board has no means at hand to enlarge or erect a separate building to accommodate the orphans, on behalf of whom the church is constantly appealing to them, it is clearly the duty of God's people to furnish a liberal sum for this purpose. The amount received from all sources during the past three years was something over \$23,000, of which \$3,000 were given for the endowment fund, the interest of which is applied to the support of the orphans.

St. Paul's Orphans' Home has a healthful location. Its capacity has been enlarged during the past three years so that now it can accommodate one hundred and ninety children and eighteen officers, teachers and helpers. The number of orphans in 1886 was eighty, now it is one hundred and eighty. The amount expended since the last meeting of synod was \$47,500, and the receipts about the same. There is some debt resting on the asylum, but arrangements have been made for its gradual liquidation. The government, as in all our asylums, is parental in its character. In view of the facts just mentioned, the board would suggest for the adoption of synod the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we return our profound thanks to our heavenly Father that he has put it into the hearts of our people to contribute so liberally for the support of the orphans.

Resolved, That we commend the Orphans' Homes anew to the church, and request all our pastors, consistories and Sunday-schools to make special efforts to secure the contributions necessary for their support and enlargement.

By limitation of the charter, the term of two members, the Rev. C. F. McCauley and Elder Andrew H. Baughman, expires, and by the death of Elder William F. Hoffman, an additional vacancy has been made. It will be necessary for synod to fill these by election.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. McCAULEY,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER,

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS,

Board of Directors.

2. *Report of Board of Bethany Orphans' Home.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., we respectfully present to your reverend body the following statement, and through you ask for the continued sympathy, prayers and support of the church in carrying forward this work of the Lord.

Three years ago we had seventy children; at present we have eighty-one. In this time thirty-six were received and twenty-five left the home, so that in these three years we have cared for one hundred and six children.

We have no soldiers' orphans, for which the state provides. With the exception of three boarders, for whom we receive one hundred dollars a year each, our whole family is dependent upon the church for support.

Considering our large family, the health of the children has been remarkably good. One little girl died of congestion of the brain, making the fourth death in the orphan family in a period of twenty-seven years.

We carry on the system of industrial training as we have opportunity in the house and on the farm. This department of our work, however, could be developed with great advantage to the children, if the means were at hand to secure proper equipment.

We have two schools, in which the common English branches are taught, and even some advanced studies pursued by those who show special aptitude in learning.

The religious training of the children is carefully attended to by means of morning and evening family worship, Sunday-

school, catechetical instruction and regular church services.

We have no bonded debt and only a few hundred dollars floating debt, which may be expected at this time of the year when very few contributions are received. The church is supporting the family well. In these three years we have received several legacies and larger gifts, besides the regular contributions, among others being a gift of \$2,000 from Mr. Charles Santee of Philadelphia, and \$1,000 from Jacob Bausman of Lancaster, Pa. We have at present an endowment fund amounting to \$4,000.

Our present need is more room. The Home is full, especially on the boys' side. The churches are making constant appeals to the board to take more children. This can not well be done with the present number in the Home. Therefore, if the board is to heed the appeals of the congregations, some provision must be made before long to enlarge the institution. It is thought that with about \$5,000, room could be made for forty or fifty more children.

Grateful to God for his evident blessings upon this Home, and trusting that in the future, as in the past, the disciples of the Lord Jesus will continue to do his will in this work, I am

Yours in the Lord,

THOMAS M. YUNDT,

Secretary of Board of Managers.

3. *Report of Board of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In behalf of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, the undersigned respectfully presents the following statement:

Three years ago at the synod at Akron, we reported eighty children, now our number is 180. To comfortably provide for this large increase, the main building had to be enlarged, to give another dining room and kitchen on the first floor, and additional dormitories for girls on the second floor. Then a few feet to the rear of the main building a two story brick dormitory for boys was erected, and a few yards to the right of this a large two story brick school-house and chapel. There have been also erected a few additional frame buildings.

The largest part of the children are soldiers' orphans, the next largest church orphans and the third boarders.

The state of morals and religion is good. Twenty-five children in the three years, have been catechized and confirmed in church and a few soldiers' orphans have been united with other churches.

The girls have a prayer meeting and missionary society, and by their own efforts during the past year raised \$100 to furnish the pulpit of the new church in Butler, which is soon to be dedicated. In addition to this the superintendent and his assistants in the Home have raised about \$3,000 to give the children permanent sittings in the church, most of this having been raised among the citizens of Butler.

The school has four teachers, it is in excellent condition, and is yearly examined by the State Commission of Soldiers' Orphans and the Governor of the State.

The health has been and is remarkably good. Two deaths have occurred in the three years. Miss Etta K. Prugh, a teacher for five years, died the week after the last meeting of the General Synod. And a year ago a little girl died, but she was in extremely poor health when taken into the Home. During the three years, a bequest of \$5,000 was received from the late Christian Wolff, of Philadelphia. And the whole amount we have expended since our last report to your body is in round numbers, \$47,500.

There is still an indebtedness resting on the Home, but provisions are being made to pay this off gradually. The Home is regarded as being in splendid condition, unsurpassed by any other institution in the state. It has a capacity for accommodating 190 children, together with the officers, teachers and assistants.

Grateful for the prayers and co-operation of the church in the past, we ask for them again and commend this work to your kind consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. SCHMERTZ,

President of the Board.

4. *Report of Board of Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—By order of the Board of Managers of the Reformed Orphans' Home at Fort Wayne, Ind., I feel authorized to present the following report of the condition and working of the Home.

Our inviting Home can well rejoice that it experienced during the last three years the blessings of divine favor, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view. During this period the orphan family has increased considerably, and, besides the other persons of the Home, numbers now sixty-one children instead of forty-four in 1887. There is no more room in the present building, as all the space is occupied, and many more orphans are knocking at the door and praying for admittance.

In view of these facts, the board has been induced to provide more accommodations, which could only be done by erecting an additional building, almost as large as the first one erected in 1883. The work was undertaken in full reliance upon Him who is the Father of the fatherless, and who directs the orphans to our Home, and at the same time provides for them. The additional building is expected to be completed for occupancy by August, 1890, and the board will then be prepared to accommodate as many as one hundred orphans.

Our large orphan family, under the careful supervision of our beloved and experienced superintendent, Rev. John Rettig, and his estimable wife, has happily dwelt together and enjoyed good health. As a true father, he is not only concerned for the physical welfare of those intrusted to his care, but also leads them to Him, who is the Father of the fatherless, and provides for their spiritual well-being by daily imparting scriptural instructions and bringing them to the knowledge as it is in Jesus Christ.

As the work increased on his hands, the board saw fit to give the superintendent an assistant, in the person of Rev. Charles Hartman, who for some years had been engaged in the active ministry of the church, but who on account of failing health had to engage in other pursuits. He has already fully entered upon the work as an assistant.

The orphans, as pupils, attend school during ten months of each year, receiving instruction in English and German.

Some of the boys, who have grown up, obtained work outside of the Home, and the others are employed at home in the garden, or the field, or at whatever is at hand to do; and the girls, who are able to assist, are employed in work in the house.

Our beautiful and valuable property would be unencumbered by debt if it were not for the new building, which will cost \$7,000, rather more than less. In order to be able to complete this work, we come in the name of our orphans and ask the church for her prayers and contributions.

The Executive Committee consists of Rev. Louis Praikschatis, D. D., *President*, Rev. Charles Schaaf, *Secretary*, Rev. Charles F. Kriete, *Treasurer*, and Rev. John Rettig, *Superintendent*.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS PRAIKSCHATIS, *President*.

CLEVELAND, O., May 24, 1890.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes, during the afternoon session of the seventh day (Thursday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted; and it is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes would report that the following documents have been placed in our hands:

1. Report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.
2. Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.
3. Report of the Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.
4. Report of the Zoar Asylum for orphans and aged persons, Detroit, Michigan.
5. Report of General Synod's Board of Directors for Orphan's Homes.

Upon examination we find that these records of the past three years' work in these institutions are of a hopeful and most encouraging character. Each one of them has enlarged its scope of operations during the past three years; and they have also been favored with an increased attendance. In some instances new buildings adapted to the increased wants of the Homes have been erected, and in other cases, as in that of Bethany, an urgent call for means wherewith to provide such enlarged accommodations is set forth in the report.

The health of the members of the various Homes has been generally good, but here and there sickness is reported, and in a few cases death has invaded even these youthful circles, and taken away those that were greatly beloved. Of such nature was the sad providence which called away a devoted young teacher in St. Paul's Home, Miss Etta K., the daughter of Superintendent Prugh. What we count a mysterious and sad providence in this instance and a loss to the Home at Butler, we are yet persuaded was her eternal gain.

Express mention is made of the fact that careful attention has been given in the various Homes to the religious needs of the orphans. A number of the children have been brought into full communion with the church; and daily religious services have been held in all the Homes. This, we believe, should be the chief aim of all this effort, the bringing of the children to Christ.

Your committee upon examination infer that General Synod's former action in establishing a Board of Directors has not been fully understood by the persons elected to membership in it, and we have therefore taken the liberty of suggesting a resolution for adoption defining more clearly the duties of those who may be appointed to this office.

We recommend the following for the action of synod:

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the favor which He has been pleased to bestow upon our Orphan Homes during the past three years; specially for the evidences of enlarged prosperity and wider influence which they have attained under the efficient management of the various boards and officers.

Resolved, That we recognize the value of this work in behalf of the orphans in its reflexive influence upon the church; we are persuaded that our people will be benefited by greater attention to this interest, both in respect to prayer, sympathy, and beneficence.

Resolved, That we commend the Homes to the continued care of the church and we urge all our synods, classes, pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools to continue their stated contributions to this cause, and, if possible, to increase the same.

Resolved, That the reports of Bethany, St. Paul's and the Reformed Orphans' Homes, at Fort Wayne, Ind., because of

their peculiar relation to our synods, be incorporated with this report in the Minutes of this General Synod.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be instructed to secure the attendance of at least one of their members at the annual meetings of the board of each Home; and that they make use of the annual reports of the Homes as a basis for their triennial report to this body.

Resolved, That the board of each Home under the care of the District Synods be instructed to report annually the financial and moral condition of their institution to the General Synod's Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *Chairman*.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHANS' HOMES.

Members whose term expires May, 1893.

Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Mr. Christian G. Gross.

Members whose term expires May, 1896.

Elder Jacob Rader.

Members whose term expires May, 1899.

Rev. Eli Keller, D. D.

Elder Horace Ankeney.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF MINISTERS, &C.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during Monday afternoon session, reported in item 7 that a collection was to be taken in the several churches, in the month of September, for the use of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States be again commended to the District Synods, and that they be requested:

1. To urge upon their classes to take such action as shall best bring the importance of the society's claims to the notice of the people and elicit their hearty support.

2. To urge also that special account be made of the fact that the coming year will be the centennial year of the socie-

ty's founding and organization by making special efforts to increase the sum of its invested funds and to call forth more liberal collections to meet its current needs.

3. To direct the classes to increase the number of life members in the society by devoting collections to that object.

Also in connection with the report of the special committee on the new Hymnal, it was ordered that, after the first cost of the book shall have been met and the synod reimbursed for all outlays, the profits thereafter accruing from the sale of the book shall be appropriated for the use of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. (See report of Special Committee on Hymnal.)

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during Saturday morning session, reported in item 12 that a statement was received from the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip. On motion, the subject matter of this item, together with its Constitution and Manual, was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Lewis D. Steckel, Nathaniel Z. Snyder, and Elder Charles C. Leader.

This committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and discussed; and after considerable discussion the previous question was moved and sustained. Thereupon the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Committee on the "Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip," had placed in their hands three documents: 1. A "Manual of the Brotherhood." 2. A "Constitution of the Brotherhood." 3. A communication signed by the president and secretary representing executive council of twelve.

From these we learn, beside others, the following leading facts:

1. That it is an organization exclusively for young men. Their labor is based on two rules, one called the "Rule of Prayer," the other the "Rule of Service." The Rule of Prayer is to pray daily for the spread of Christ's kingdom among young men, and for God's blessing upon the labors of

the Brotherhood. The Rule of Service is to make an earnest effort each week to bring at least one young man within hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the services of the church.

2. The society is, by its own constitution, completely subject to the authority of the church.

In view of these facts your committee would offer the following:

WHEREAS, The aim and purpose of the Brotherhood is to awaken a deeper interest among the young men in general church work, and lead them to a more earnest personal consecration to the Savior; and

WHEREAS, The society can, without doubt, be made to accomplish a good work in the bosom of a congregation under the prudent management of the pastor, to whom absolute authority is committed by the constitution of the Brotherhood; therefore,

Resolved, That we commend the society and its workings to the serious and careful consideration of pastors and people who will act as, in their judgment, may be for the best interests of the congregations and the church at large.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS D. STECKEL, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

I. REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board of the General Synod beg leave to offer the following report:

Your Board held two regular meetings, the first at Altoona, in November 1887, the second at Lebanon, May 27th 1890. At the Altoona meetings, at which all the members were present, except Rev. E. R. Williard, the whole subject of our Sunday-school publications was thoroughly discussed, after which it was resolved that arrangements be made with the English Publication Houses at Philadelphia and Dayton, to have issued a Teachers' Quarterly, a Scholars' Quarterly, Lesson Leaves and Primary Lessons, the Board to appoint the editors and the publication houses to pay their salaries.

These instructions were afterwards successfully carried into effect by an executive committee, consisting of Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. B. Lady and A. E. Baichly.

Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester, Rev. E. R. Williard and Mrs. S. B. Yockey were appointed editors. After serving six months, Prof. Williard resigned for want of time to attend to the duties required of him. Rev. D. W. Ebbert was appointed to fill the vacancy. Rev. A. E. F. Schade was selected to prepare the German lesson helps, and the Board recommended that the German Publication House appoint one or two persons to assist him.

The following resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board, that it is desirable to issue but one series of Sunday-school papers for the use of the whole church.

Resolved, That the question of effecting the change involved in this matter be committed to the Executive Committee and the superintendents of the publication houses at Philadelphia and Dayton.

The Board also appointed two editors, and suggested that three papers be issued, a primary, an intermediate and an advanced.

It was resolved that the English publication houses at Philadelphia and Dayton, be authorized and requested to publish alternately services for Christmas and for Children's Day; the services to be of such a character, as will in their judgment, best meet the wants of the entire church, East and West, and that the German publication house at Cleveland, be authorized and requested to continue to prepare and issue Christmas and Children's Day Services as heretofore.

In regard to Sunday-school papers and Children's Day and Christmas services, the Executive Committee did not succeed in effecting any arrangements with the publication houses.

In reference to the Lesson Helps, when the Executive Committee conferred with the English publishing houses and made known the recommendation of the board that these Helps be published alternately by the two houses, it was claimed that no such arrangements could be made. Teachers' Quarterlies, Scholars' Quarterlies, Lesson Leaves and Infant Lessons have, however, been issued independently by

both houses, both publications containing precisely the same matter, prepared by the editors appointed by your board. This, unfortunately, of course, involves a great deal of unnecessary expense.

The board were fortunate in their choice of editors, and the publication houses did their work well and furnished the Helps at a moderate price. As a consequence, the publications referred to gave such general satisfaction that their circulation considerably increased. The editors, however, found their work very laborious, and as their compensation was merely nominal, amounting for the three to only \$325 per annum, they naturally looked for an increase, and two of them appeared before the board and made a statement in reference to the matter.

The publication houses referred to, each sent a communication to your board, the one requesting the board to provide for the salaries of the editors, and the other that the price of the Scholars' Quarterly be raised from ten to fifteen cents.

Under these peculiar circumstances your board, after thoroughly discussing the whole subject, unanimously passed the following action :

WHEREAS, The Sunday-school Board received two communications from the English publication houses, one of them asking that the board provide for the salaries of the editors, and the other requesting that the price of the Scholars' Quarterly be raised from ten to fifteen cents, in order to pay an increased salary to the editors; and

WHEREAS, The board does not see its way clear to raise the price, and has not the money to increase the salaries of the editors, which ought to be done; and

WHEREAS, The board believes that the profits of the publication of these Sunday-school Helps, according to the experience of other churches, should be sufficient to pay the salaries of the editors; therefore

Resolved, That we petition General Synod to authorize the board to give the publication of the English Helps to the lowest bidder from among the Reformed firms engaged in the work of publishing in the English language, so that these publications may be made to pay the salaries of the editors, and also become a source of revenue to the church.

The board further recommend that General Synod authorize them to take charge of the business and financial management, as they now have of the editorial, of the Heidelberg Teacher, the Scholars' Quarterly and the other Lesson Helps, by the 1st of January, 1891.

We also recommend that General Synod authorize the board to appoint an English Sunday-school Secretary as soon as the way is open for them to do so.

The board is gratified to be able to report that the German publications, with a smaller constituency than the English, still have realized yearly profits on their Sunday-school literature, of which ten per cent was given to the cause of missions. We therefore recommend that the publication of the German Helps be given to the publication house of the German Synods as heretofore.

We also call the attention of General Synod to the fact that the term of service of all the members of the Sunday-school Board expires with this meeting of synod, and that the nominations for new members are to be distributed among the District Synods, in accordance with the rule adopted by the synod at Akron, as found on pages 94 and 95 of the printed minutes of 1887.

Finally the board recommend that General Synod request the Sunday-schools of the church to use the literature issued under the direction of the board, and to put forth most earnest efforts to introduce and use these publications, and thus largely increase their circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *Chairman.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, during the morning session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received, discussed and as amended adopted, together with that of the board. It is as follows:

Your committee to which was referred the report of the Sunday-school Board of General Synod, held several meetings, gave careful consideration to the matter submitted, and now begs leave to offer the following:

WHEREAS, The proposal submitted to this synod by its Sunday-school Board, to manage and control not only the editorial but also the financial part of our Sunday-school publications, would seriously interfere with previous existing arrangements and contracts made by portions of the church, therefore your committee would recommend :

1. That the proposal of the Sunday-school Board to this synod to take full charge of the financial management of the Sunday-school publications be not approved, but that the Board be instructed to carry on said publications as it has for the past two or three years in order to make them uniform.

2. That the Board accept the offer of the present publishers to add \$100, to the sum heretofore paid by them for the editorial work.

3. That the proposal of the Board to create the office of a salaried General Secretary of the Sunday-school Board be not approved.

4. That the present publishers of English Sunday-school publications be requested to keep said publications up to their present standard, and issue them at the lowest cost possible.

5. That this General Synod, through the classes, requests the Sunday-schools of the church to use the literature supervised by General Synod's Board, and to put forth most earnest efforts to introduce and use these publications, and thus largely increase their circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. SECHLER, *Chairman.*

LEBANON, PA., June 5th, 1890.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Members whose term expires May, 1893.

Rev. David W. Ebbert.

Rev. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.

Rev. John H. Bomberger.

Rev. Frederick Strassner.

Rev. David B. Lady.

Members whose term expires May, 1896.

Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard.

Rev. Conrad Clever, D. D.

Rev. Alpheus E. Baichly.

Rev. A. Emil Dahlman.

Rev. Charles F. Kriete.

Officers of the Board.

Rev. Calvin S. Gerhard, *President*, Reading, Pa.

Rev. David B. Lady, *Secretary*, Curllsville, Pa.

Executive Committee.—Revs. C. S. Gerhard, D. B. Lady and A. E. Baichly.

IV. ACTION RESPECTING SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 8 that Somerset Classes requested the Sunday-school Board of General Synod to make original scripture selections for our Sunday-schools in harmony with the observed festivals. Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of Somerset Classis, in regard to arranging Sunday-school Lessons to conform to the Festivals of the Church Year, be referred to the Sunday-school Board of this synod, with instruction to make the same request of the International Sunday Convention to meet in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 24 to 27, 1890.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac, during the evening session on Tuesday, reported in item 5 that the said synod overtured the General Synod to appoint a committee to confer with committees of other churches, with a view to the preparation of Sunday-school Lessons in accordance with the scriptural and historical order of the Church Year.

On motion, after some discussion, the following, as a substitute for the original motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the International Sunday-school Convention be earnestly requested to provide in the International Lessons, selections suitable to the Historical Festivals of Christianity, Christmas, the atoning death of Jesus Christ, (Good Friday), Easter, Ascension day and Pentecost, and assign them each year to their respective Lord's days.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Appeal of Rev. G. B. Dechant.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Eastern Synod, during the morning session of the ninth day (Thursday) of the sessions, reported in item 2 that an appeal was taken to the General Synod by Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, from the action of the Eastern Synod on a complaint brought against the East Susquehanna Classis.

On motion, the subject matter of this item, having reference to a certain appeal, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Dennis B. Shuey, Abner R. Kremer and Elder John A. Steiner. This committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your special committee to whom was referred item 2 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of the Eastern Synod, having reference to an appeal to this General Synod by Rev. G. B. Dechant, from the action of the Eastern Synod, would respectfully report, that no papers have come into our hands concerning this case, nor is the appellant present to prosecute the case ; we therefore report the appeal abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS B. SHUEY, *Chairman.*

The Appeal Case of Christ Church.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the Friday morning session, reported in item 5 that an appeal was received from Christ Reformed Church, at Bethlehem, Pa. This was referred to a special committee to examine whether it was in order, and if in order to report the manner in which it is to be considered by this synod.

The committee consists of Revs. John G. Noss, Jacob Hassler and Elder John A. Steiner. This committee, during the evening session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee to whom was referred item 5 in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures beg leave to report:

1. That the appeal is regular and in order.
2. That the appeal be heard tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon immediately after the cases of complaints be disposed of.
3. That twenty-five minutes be allowed the appellant.
4. That twenty-five minutes be allowed the appellee.
5. That synod then proceed to vote on the merits of the appeal without further debate.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. NOSS, *Chairman.*

At the appointed time, the appeal was taken up for hearing. Thereupon, on motion, the following action with respect to the appeals of the Consistory of Christ-Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Pa., from the action of the Eastern Synod, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The original papers and minutes of the East Pennsylvania Classis, as filed with the Stated Clerk of the Eastern Synod, have not been filed with the Stated Clerk of the General Synod, and the Eastern Synod has appointed no counsel to represent it upon the hearing of the appeal by the General Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That (the appellant consenting thereto) the abstract questions of law raised by said appeals be referred to a committee of three, who shall recommend to the next General Synod a deliverance upon said questions of law, and to whom shall be furnished the original papers and minutes, or copies authenticated by the Stated Clerk of the Eastern Synod.

The committee consists of Rev. John M. Schick, Elders Christian M. Boush and Jacob Heyser.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Complaints of Koons and Walck and Russell.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 16 that a communication was received from Rev. Simon S. Miller, President of

the Synod of the Potomac, in regard to complaints of Theodore Koons and H. S. Walck, and of Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Russell, against the action of said synod at Carlisle in 1889; and also said appeals. On motion, it was

Resolved, That these complaints, together with all the papers relating thereto, be referred to a special committee to examine whether they are in order, and if found in order to report the manner in which they are to be heard before this synod.

The committee appointed consists of Rev. Dr. John M. Titzel, John M. Schick, Andrew J. Heller and Elder John Teel.

This committee, during the evening session on Monday, submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, raised under item 16 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, and to whom were referred the statement of the President of the Potomac Synod, and the complaints of Theodore Koons and H. S. Walck, and of Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Russell, begs leave to report:

That the papers referred to it have been examined, and that in the judgment of the committee the complaints are in order. The committee would accordingly recommend that both complaints be heard separately in the following order:

1. That the documents relating to the case shall be read.
2. That each party shall be allowed thirty minutes in which to present its case.
3. That the complainant or complainants shall open the discussion of the case, and shall be allowed to divide the time allotted as they may desire, as also to close the argument.
4. The vote shall then be taken by the synod without any debate.

Your committee would further recommend that the complaints of Theodore Koons and H. S. Walck be first taken up, and then that of Rev. G. B. Russell, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. TITZEL, *Chairman*.

The time for hearing these complaints was fixed, as the order of the day, for the afternoon session at half-past three o'clock. At the appointed time the

(1.) *Complaint of Koons and Walck*

was taken up for consideration. Rev. Dr. G. B. Russell appeared as counsel for the complainants, and Revs. J. C. Bowman and Dr. J. S. Kieffer as counsel for the defense. After some discussion on certain questions involved, on motion, the report of the committee was recommitted, and Elders Daniel S. Keller, Christian M. Boush and John W. Bickel were added to the committee. The committee, as now constituted, during the evening session on Tuesday, again submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as heretofore recorded. The hearing of the complaint of Koons and Walck was made the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon immediately after the opening of synod.

At the appointed time the said complaint was taken up and considered. The papers in the case were read. The complainants were heard through their counsel Rev. Dr. Russell, and the defense was heard in reply by its counsel, Revs. J. C. Bowman and Dr. J. S. Kieffer. After the arguments of the counsel on both sides, the synod proceeded to vote in the case by *yeas* and *nays*. As the result, the complaint of Koons and Walck was not sustained, there being 12 yeas to 85 nays, and 19 non-liquets, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers*.—E. D. Wettach, J. H. Sechler, Dr. E. Keller, J. Kehm, M. Loucks, G. Z. Mechling, J. A. Seitz, Dr. J. Kuelling, P. Ruhl, H. Bair. *Elders*.—Herman Preefer and Jacob Heyser.—12.

NAYS. *Ministers*.—T. O. Stem, Dr. H. M. Kieffer, Dr. J. E. Hiester, S. A. Leinbach, Dr. E. V. Gerhart, Dr. J. M. Titzel, T. J. Hacker, J. C. Leinbach, L. D. Steckel, D. O. Shoemaker, N. Z. Snyder, Dr. S. G. Wagner, T. Kessler, T. N. Reber, Dr. B. Bausman, C. S. Gerhard, Dr. J. A. Peters, A. Houtz, G. W. H. Smith, Dr. S. C. Goss, J. C. Schaaf, Dr. H. H. Hibshman, Dr. G. W. Williard, J. H. Bomberger, R. Keller, W. H. Nanders, C. F. Kriete, H. W. Vitz, W. F. Horstmeier, G. J. Reiche, E. W. Henschen, H. C. Nott, E. H. Dieffenbacher, J. M. Schick, A. R. Kremer, A. J. Heller, J. H. Prugh, E. S. Hassler, S. S. Miller, J. G. Noss, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, T. J. Barkley, C. U. Heilman, F. Schaad, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, Dr. J. Dahlman, F. Strassner, J. Bachman and J. W. Love. *Elders*.—P. B. Edris, J. W. Bickel, W. H. Schall, E. H. Burkholder, P. Bausman, H. H. Conrad, J. K. Moyer, R. Riegner, H. E. E. Roeder, C. Bachman, T. F. Butz, D. Miller, J. H. Stein, D. Shepp, V. P. Van Horne, B. Kuhns, J. C. Kremer, J. P. Zimmerman, L. Keller, H. Stoner, J. Rohrbaugh, J. H. Smith, R. Boerger, F. W. Hoff, C. M. Boush, C. W. Truxal, J. Musser, J. M. Conroy, J. C. Hoffman, J. Fuss, D. S. Rentch, F. M. McKeehan, S. Sprinkle, H. Berge, J. Lutz and G. M. Ehrlen.—85.

NON-LIQUETS. *Ministers*.—E. Erb, E. E. Gruenstein, A. E. Truxal, W. W. Deatrick, Dr. A. Wanner, C. J. Musser, Dr. J. F. Busche, Dr. N. Gehr, F. W. Berleman, Dr. P. Greding, J. H. C. Roentgen, F. Forwick, A. G. Lohman. *Elders*.—D. S. Keller, H. Ankeney, A. Stolte, S. C. Remsberg, H. Seibert, J. M. Shoemaker.—19.

(2. *Complaint of Rev. Dr. G. B. Russell.*)

At the conclusion of the complaint case of Koons and Walck, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the report of the committee, the complaint of Rev. George B. Russell, D. D, against the Synod of the Potomac, was taken up for hearing and continued under consideration during the afternoon and evening sessions on Wednesday, the eighth day of the sessions. The papers in the case were read. The complainant as counsel was heard in his own behalf, and the defense was heard in reply by its counsel, Revs. Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer and John C. Bowman. The synod then proceeded to vote in the case by *yeas* and *nays*, and the complaint was sustained by eighty-four yeas to fifteen nays, and eight non-liquets, as follows:

YEAS. *Ministers*.—T. O. Stem, M. A. Smith, Dr. J. E. Hiester, S. A. Leinbach, T. C. Leinbach, Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, E. D. Wettach, J. H. Sechler, Dr. T. G. Apple, Dr. J. M. Titzel, J. C. Leinbach, L. D. Steckel, D. O. Shoemaker, Dr. C. Z. Weiser, J. Kehm, N. Z. Snyder, Dr. S. G. Wagner, T. Kessler, T. N. Reber, Dr. B. Bausman, A. R. Bartholomew, Dr. J. A. Peters, A. Houtz, M. Loucks, G. Z. Mechling, G. W. H. Smith, J. A. Seitz, Dr. S. C. Goss, J. C. Schaaf, Dr. D. Van Horne, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Dr. G. W. Williard, J. H. Bomstmeier, R. Keller, W. H. Xanders, C. F. Kriete, H. W. Vitz, W. F. Horstmeier, E. W. Henschen, E. Erb, A. E. Truxal, E. H. Dieffenbacher, W. W. Deatrick, J. M. Schick, A. R. Kremer, J. H. Prugh, E. S. Hassler, T. J. Barkley, F. Schaad, C. A. Limberg, Dr. P. Greding, Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, J. H. C. Roentgen, Dr. J. Dahlman, F. Strassner, H. Bair and J. W. Love. *Elders*.—P. B. Edris, G. Fahrenbaugh, H. C. Hoover, W. H. Schall, D. S. Keller, H. E. E. Roeder, C. Bachman, V. P. Van Horne, H. Ankeney, B. Kuhns, J. C. Kremer, L. Keller, H. Stoner, J. Rohrbach, R. Boerger, F. W. Hoff, H. Preefer, S. C. Remsberg, W. D. Hartman, C. M. Boush, C. W. Truxal, J. M. Conroy, I. Laucks, J. Heyser, J. M. Shoemaker, S. Sprinkle and J. Lutz.—84.

NAYS. *Ministers*.—Dr. H. M. Kieffer, T. J. Hacker, C. S. Gerhard, Dr. A. Wanner, Dr. J. S. Kieffer, C. U. Heilman, Dr. N. Gehr. *Elders*.—J. Rader, R. Riegner, D. Shepp, J. H. Smith, J. C. Hoffman, J. Fuss, D. S. Rentch, H. Berge.—15.

NON-LIQUET. *Ministers*.—Dr. J. I. Good, Dr. E. Keller, G. J. Reiche, H. C. Nott, A. J. Heller, Dr. J. O. Miller. *Elder*.—John W. Bickel.—7.

ARTICLE XVIII.
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

REPORT OF ACTION ON NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 10 that the constitution, as revised, was sent down to the several classes for their approval or rejection.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 2, (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), that varied action was taken with respect to the new constitution by the several classes. (See report).

The Standing Committee on Minutes of German Classes, during the forenoon session on Tuesday, reported in item 1, (a), (b) and (c), that the several classes had taken certain action, either for or against the new constitution. (See report).

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, during the afternoon session on the last day of the sessions, reported in item 3 the result of the vote of the classes of said synod on the new constitution.

In view of these facts, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred the minutes of the several classes reported to this synod, and after having examined them report the result of the vote of the classes on the new constitution.

The committee consists of Revs. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., John H. Sechler, Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D.; Elders Cyrus W. Truxal and Horace Ankeney.

This committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted:

The committee appointed to make an analysis of the action of classes on the new constitution transmitted to the classes by General Synod of Akron, offers the following report:

The existing constitution says that it shall be the duty of every classis to decide upon such ordinance at its first annual meeting after it shall have been proposed by the General Synod. According to this article (80) it was obligatory on

every classis either to approve or reject the ordinance proposed by the General Synod of Akron, at the annual meeting held in 1888. But the constitution does not say, if a classis decide upon an ordinance at the second or third annual meeting after General Synod has proposed it, that then the decision of such classis shall not be counted. Your committee is therefore unanimous in the opinion that the vote of every classis that has reported a decision should be held to be valid whether the decision was made in 1888, or at a subsequent annual meeting.

The old constitution says also, that "If the official report of the delegates of a classis contains nothing from which the rejection of the proposed ordinance may be inferred, such fact shall be taken for an approval. But if it appear that a classis was unable to come to a decision, it shall not be counted in taking the number of the classes, and two-thirds of all the rest shall be sufficient to give validity to the proposed ordinance."

Upon careful examination of official reports we learn the following to be the result of the vote of the classes on the new constitution :

Classes voting approval, 25; classes voting non-approval, 16; classes unable to come to a decision, 1; classes containing nothing from which the rejection of the proposed ordinance may be inferred, 2. Accordingly 27 classes are to be counted as having approved the new constitution. The whole number of classes is 55. As one classis was unable to come to a decision, two-thirds of all the rest, namely, two-thirds of 54 are sufficient, that is to say, the minimum vote of approval required to give validity to the new constitution would be 36.

There are five classes that have voted approval, excepting one or more articles, or on condition that certain changes be made. These have to be counted with classes voting non-approval, as the organic law requires that the vote be approved of the whole ordinance or rejection.

From this statement of the result of the examination of the official reports of the classes it appears that nine votes are lacking to give validity to the new constitution.

But we have to make definite note of the fact that your committee has not an adequate basis of judgment respecting the actual vote of the church; for the official reports of eleven

classes are wanting. If these eleven classes whose official reports are wanting be excluded from the basis of calculation the number will be reduced to 43; then 29 votes of approval will be necessary for adoption, that is, two votes will be lacking of two-thirds.

The result of our inquiry may be summed up thus:

1. If the decision turns on the official reports presented to General Synod, the new constitution is not approved.

2. If the decision must be based on the action of all the classes, then, as eleven reports are wanting, it becomes impracticable at this meeting of General Synod to determine whether or not the constitution has received the approval of two-thirds of the classes.

3. But if these eleven classes, on the ground that there is no evidence that they have rejected it, be counted with the majority, then the number voting approval would be thirty-eight, that is, two more than two-thirds, and the new constitution should be declared to be adopted.

In view of the facts stated, the following action is recommended for adoption:

WHEREAS, The synod feels unable to decide from the records whether the constitution submitted to the classes at Akron, Ohio, is adopted or rejected; and

WHEREAS, A number of the classes have expressed a desire for changes and improvements in the ordinance submitted; therefore

Resolved, That the constitution be referred to a new committee of nine, representing all the district synods, for revision and improvement with instructions that all requests and recommendations made by classes and synods be taken into consideration by the committee.

Resolved, That the committee be instructed to report at the next triennial meeting of General Synod a complete constitution, and forms in accord with it in printed form.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART,
JOHN H. SECHLER,
FERDINAND O. ZESCH,
CYRUS W. TRUXAL,
HORACE ANKENNEY,

Committee.

The committee of nine on the revision and improvement of the new constitution consists of Revs. Dr. Harrison H. W. Hibshman, Dr. John M. Titzel, John Bachman, Dr. J. Spangler Kieffer, Marcus Bachman, Frank Grether, Dewald S. Fouse, Elders Christian M. Boush, and John W. Bickel.

On motion,

Resolved, That all matters brought up in the proceedings of this synod from the classes and synods, having a bearing on the new constitution, be referred to the committee on the revision and improvement of the constitution appointed by this synod.

FORMULAS FOR THE REFORMED CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 15 that a committee was appointed to revise, prepare and print Formulas for the Reformed Church in the English and the German language. Thereupon the committee submitted the following report :

The Committee on the Revision and Further Preparation of Formulas for the use of the Reformed Church, would submit the following as their report :

As preliminary, it may be stated, that the General Synod during its triennial meeting in Akron, Ohio, in June, 1887, adopted the subjoined action, namely :

“Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise all existing formulas, and prepare other formulas necessary for the use of our pastors, congregations, judicatories and institutions, and report in printed form a full set of necessary formulas in the English and the German language to the next General Synod.” (Minutes 1887, page 87).

The committee consists of Revs. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Jacob Dahlman, D. D., and Elder Christian M. Boush, Esq.

In view of this synodical action, your committee proceeded with the work assigned, and to this end held three meetings. The first meeting was held in the study of the pastor of the First Reformed Church at Akron, Ohio, August 14 and 15, 1888, all of the members being present. Here the object of

our appointment and the nature of the work required to be done, together with the instructions of the synod, were duly considered; and in the light of these facts the work was commenced and continued during this meeting. The committee agreed upon a plan of the work, took a review of the existing formulas, and decided what modifications should be made and what additional forms were needed to meet more fully the wants of the church, having also meanwhile procured some formulas used by other evangelical churches.

The remaining part of the work was then divided among the members of the committee, with the understanding that each one was to proceed with the particular part of the work assigned. Thereupon the committee adjourned to meet in Meadville, Pa., on Tuesday, August 20, 1889.

In accordance with the adjournment, the committee met in the law office of C. M. Boush, Esq., at Meadville, Pa., at the time designated. All the members were present. Also during a part of the time Rev. Dr. N. Gehr and Rev. Thos. S. Land were present and were recognized as advisory members. The committee, having considered the sub-work done during the *interim*, proceeded with the general work for several days on the line of the proposed plan, and in the spirit and purpose of the synod's action. The revision of the old forms were reviewed, and a number of new ones were prepared and added to the list. Then the work as a whole was again passed over, and carefully reviewed with the endeavor to make it in its details as complete and satisfactory as possible.

The committee held their final meeting in Lebanon, Pa., during the sessions of the General Synod, and concluded their labors.

And now we, as your committee, herewith respectfully submit the results of our labors, in printed pamphlet form in the English and the German language, according to the instruction given, to your reverend body. While we are conscious that the work is not entirely free from imperfections, we nevertheless hope that it may prove to be of such a character and adaptation as to meet with your favorable consideration and approval.

We had these several Formulas printed in pamphlet form, 500 copies in the English language, and 200 in the German;

and these copies in large proportion are herewith submitted for the use of the synod, and in being distributed among the members afford them an opportunity for personal examination.

The traveling expenses of the members of the committee have been paid by the Treasurer of the General Synod. The cost of printing the English copies, including seventy-five cents expressage, was \$54.25, and that of the German copies, \$52.67. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Chairman.*

The foregoing report was received, and together with the Formulas referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. James B. May, George Z. Mechling and Elder Thomas F. Butz. This committee, however, perhaps through oversight or misunderstanding, did not subsequently submit a report. In view of this, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, the said report and Formulas, on motion, were referred to the committee on the revision and improvement of the new constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH HYMNAL.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 12 that a special Committee on English Hymn Book was appointed, with instructions to present a Hymnal to this General Synod for approval. Thereupon the committee presented the following report:

To the General Synod of the United States:

Your committee appointed at Akron "to prepare a Hymnal and to present it at this meeting for approval, consisting of such a collection of hymns as, in the judgment of the committee, may be best adapted to the needs of our church," begs leave to report as follows:

During the past three years the committee has used its best endeavors to prepare such a book as was contemplated in the instructions given it by the Synod at Akron as above recited. Although the members of the committee are widely separated in respect of residence, and have consequently labored at some disadvantage from that circumstance, we succeeded in bringing our work to completion within the period of time

allotted us, holding seven meetings, and doing much work privately and by correspondence. We have availed ourselves of the very best material procurable from all sources within our reach, and have diligently sought to prepare such a book, as we believed, in the spirit of peace and harmony now existing, might be suited to the needs and might meet the widely-felt wants of the church as a whole.

The results of our long and severe labors we are compelled, by circumstances over which we have had no control, to lay before your reverend body in the manuscript form, our manuscript being ready to put in the hands of the printer forthwith. We regret exceedingly our inability to present the hymnal to you in the printed form, as it was our earnest desire and purpose to do; but, inasmuch as there was no money in the treasury for the purpose, and the treasurer did not deem himself warranted in advancing, upon his own responsibility, the considerable amount of money required to print the book, and inasmuch as the committee, furthermore, failed in an effort to procure the money by private subscription, we have been compelled, very reluctantly, to present our work to you in the manuscript form.

As it is necessary that the synod should have information as definite as is possible under the circumstances regarding the probable cost of the book, we further report that the stereotype plates of the book will cost about \$1,500, and the authors' copyright on the music and words employed, about \$2,000. The book itself may be printed and bound, when once the above expenditures have been met, at a cost of from twenty-five to forty cents per copy. It may, however, be possible to place the work in the hands of some publisher who will himself bear the charges for the plates and copyright privileges, either in whole or in part, upon the guaranty of certain rights and privileges in the sale of the book, the synod reserving a certain amount of royalty upon the sales. The committee is in receipt of proposals from various publishing houses, but has not ventured upon any definite arrangements with any without knowing the pleasure of the synod.

We would venture to suggest to your body that, if this book is published, as we very urgently desire it may speedily be, the profits accruing therefrom, whether upon royalty per

copy or otherwise, may be permanently designated by you for the use of the Society for Relief of our disabled ministers and their widows.

Your committee now commends the result of their labors to your most serious and careful consideration. Having had a large correspondence with brethren, both clerical and lay, and in all sections of the church, we are more deeply sensible of the fact than there is here room to set forth, that our people are anxiously and almost impatiently awaiting the appearance of a new Hymnal for the whole church, a desire which has found a significant expression in the fact that, in the face of many and repeated discouragements, and at three successive General Synods, covering a period of nine years, resolutions have been passed and committees have been appointed, in all cases unsuccessfully so far, for the preparation of some such a work as we have the honor herewith to lay before you. The desire for such a work has thus reiterated itself in the face of many obstacles, and we believe that any further delay will prove a source not only of regret and disappointment, but also of serious loss and detriment.

We would therefore very respectfully urge upon you, if it may in your judgment be at all possible, the approval of our work, and such provision for its publication at an early day, and in such manner as may seem to you best.

The necessary expenses of the committee (\$507.42) incurred in traveling, for books, stationery, postage, &c., with the exception of a few small bills still outstanding, have been paid by the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY M. KIEFFER,
JOHN A. HOFFHEINS,
JOHN M. SCHICK,
H. H. W. HIBSHMAN,

Committee.

This report was received and referred to a special committee, consisting of two members from each synod, as follows:

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Drs. James I. Good and Samuel G. Wagner.
Ohio Synod:—Rev. Dr. David Van Horne and Elder Horace Ankeney.
Northwestern Synod:—Revs. Ernst W. Henschen and Henry C. Nott.
Pittsburg Synod:—Revs. Wm. W. Deatrick and Edgar S. Hassler.

Potomac Synod :—Revs. Dr. Jacob O. Miller and Alpha K. Kline.

German Synod of the East :—Revs. Dr. John Kuelling and John C. Hauser.

Central Synod :—Revs. Frederick Forwick and Ferdinand O. Zesch.

Interior Synod :—Revs. Henry Bair and Dewalt S. Fouse.

This committee during the evening session on the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, discussed and as amended adopted; but during the morning session on Thursday the ninth day of the sessions, the adoption of the report was reconsidered, and the report was discussed with a special reference to the publication of the Hymnal. The report was further amended, and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to whom the Hymn Book was referred beg leave to present the following report:

They have examined the book as well as they could in the brief time allotted to them and they approve the work of the committee. They find that the committee has attended to its duty very diligently and faithfully, and has performed an immense amount of labor in the collection, examination and choice of the hymns and tunes, and for this deserve the thanks of the synod.

The book is a Hymnal containing tunes as well as hymns. It contains 352 pages. There are 755 hymns with the names of the authors of the hymns and the tunes. Besides the hymns there are chants, canticles and doxologies. The hymns are arranged according to the Church Year as follows:

Advent, 49; Christmas, 29; New Year, 9; Epiphany, 55; Lent, 66; Passion Week, 38; Easter, 42; Ascension, 18; Whitsuntide, 14; Trinity, 162; Baptism and Confirmation, 24; Communion, 31; Ordination and Installation, 9; Corner-stone and Church Consecration, 24; Harvest and Thanksgiving, 25; morning and evening, 43; opening and closing, 22; children's hymns 29; miscellaneous, 53; chants, 31; responses, 9; doxologies, 17. There is also an index of the first lines of hymns, alphabetical index of metres, of chants and subjects. Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That General Synod's Committee in the preparation of a new Hymn Book, Dr. H. M. Kieffer, Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. M. Schick and Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman be continued and that they be authorized to have the new Hymnal published

with the alterations proposed in two editions, one with the tunes and one with the words only; that they have the authority to publish the editions named by any publisher in the Reformed Church, on the best terms they can secure.

2. That before the committee publish it, they revise if practicable, the order of the tunes so that there may be one old and one new tune of the same metre on the same or opposite pages.

3. That they revise the present arrangement of the hymns so as to include the following:

(a.) That at least ten hymns of general praise be placed at the opening of the collection.

(b.) That the 145 hymns from 337 to 482, which seem to include hymns of the church and the Christian life, be thus indorsed and a suitable heading be placed at the top of each page.

(c.) That hymns 143-208, under the name Lent, have on each page the sub-title, confession of sin or penitence, according to the topic of the hymns on that page.

(d.) That hymns 88-140, have the word "Missions" added to Epiphany at the top of the page.

(e.) That they add a few hymns for special occasions, as services at sea, marriages, etc.

(f.) That they add an index of authors.

4. That the title of the book be The Hymnal of the Reformed Church in the United States.

5. That the manuscript copy of the book with the alterations proposed be approved and referred to the classes for adoption before the next General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES I. GOOD, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following additional action with respect to the Hymnal was adopted:

Resolved, That the request already made by the committee in its report, but which seems to have been overlooked, be granted, viz: that after the first cost of the book shall have been met, and the synod shall have been reimbursed for all outlay, the profits accruing from the sale of the book, whether upon royalty or otherwise, shall be permanently designated as for the use of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

Resolved, That until the Hymnal is finally adopted its permissive use be allowed in our churches.

Resolved, That the Hymn Book Committee is hereby instructed to forward gratuitously a copy of the Hymnal to the stated clerk of each classis for the use of classis in examining the said Hymnal.

Resolved, That the corresponding secretary be instructed to furnish the Hymn Book Committee with a copy of the action of synod in regard to the Hymnal and its publication.

The Committee on the preparation of a new Hymn Book was continued, and consists of Revs. Dr. Harry M. Kieffer, Dr. John A. Hoffheins, John M. Schick and Dr. Harrison H. W. Hibshman.

ACTION RESPECTING THE DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP.

1. *Report on Translation of Directory of Worship.*

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 11 that a committee was appointed to translate the Directory of Worship into German. Thereupon the committee presented the following report:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Being anxious to perform the work intrusted to your committee in the proper time and with due deliberation, its chairman soon after the adjournment of General Synod at Akron, consulted the other two members of the committee in regard to the best mode of carrying out synod's instructions. To his great disappointment, however, both positively refused to take part in the work. Discouraged, yet not dismayed, the chairman concluded to undertake it single-handed, and to get some competent person or persons carefully to revise his manuscript. The first one willing to undertake this task was Dr. J. F. Busche of New York. Meanwhile, Dr. P. Greding, although having at first declined to assist, cheerfully consented to submit the translation to his acute, critical judgment. And, in order to render sure, doubly sure, Professor R. C. Schiedt of Franklin

and Marshall College also revised the manuscript, all of whom have rendered the chairman valuable services.

It has been the constant aim of the translator, conscientiously to retain the sense and spirit of the original, and even to follow its language where its peculiarities interposed no barrier. The printing and binding of the book were executed by the German Publishing House of our church in Cleveland, Ohio. Like all human works, the book is not without defects. In spite of the great care and labor bestowed on it, some portions having been re-written several times and the proof sheets read very carefully, a few typographical errors were overlooked and several expressions require a change. These, however, can easily be attended to when a second edition is published, as the work is not stereotyped.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the report be received, and the thanks of synod tendered to Dr. Gehr, for his faithful and satisfactory labors.

Resolved, That the printed book together with the report be referred to a special committee for examination and to report thereon to synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Tobias Kessler, John C. Schaaf, Gottfried J. Reiche, Edgar S. Hassler, John G. Noss, Charles A. Limberg, Philip Ruhl and Albert G. Lohman. This committee, at the evening session of the last day (Thursday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the German translation of the Directory of Worship, entitled, "*Gottesdienst-Ordnung der Reformirten Kirche in den Vereinigten Staaten*," begs leave to offer the following report:

We find the translation to be an excellent one, the language is a pure, smooth German, expressing the thoughts of the original clearly and forcibly. We believe that wherever the translation differs from the original in the change of words, the addition of forms for various services, especially those for family worship, or transposition of forms, it is thereby the better adapted to the wants of those of our congregations

who worship in the German language, and that it is superior in this respect to any liturgy hitherto before the church in this language.

Your committee also finds that the venerable chairman of this committee on translation, the Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., has not only done the work of translation wholly by himself, thus giving to this work his ripest scholarship, warmest zeal and most conscientious labors, but that he has also borne the chief portion of the expenses connected with its publication.

In view of these facts your committee recommends the following for your consideration :

Resolved, That this synod hereby adopts this translation of the "Directory of Worship," and allow its use.

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are given to Dr. Gehr for the very efficient manner in which he has performed this work of love, and for his generosity in giving, in this self-sacrificing way, the fruits of his labor to this synod, and through it to the church at large.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TOBIAS KESSLER, *Chairman*.

As indicated in item 26 of the Standing Committee on Overtures, a communication was received from the Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship. In regard to this, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the course of the committee on publication of the Directory of Worship be approved, and that the remaining members of the committee be constituted the Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship.

The Committee on Publication of the Directory of Worship as now constituted consists of the following members :

Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., Frederick, Md.
 Benjamin Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio.
 Christian G. Gross, Philadelphia, Pa.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 13 the appointment of a committee to prepare a Digest of the decisions of the several synods. Thereupon the committee presented their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Digest would report that about eighteen months ago, Rev. Dr. G. W. Welker, chairman of the committee, assigned to the several members definite work in accordance with the purpose of synod. A good deal of preliminary work has been done in this way, so far at least as certain English synods are concerned.

The committee has held four meetings, at different times and places, at none of which however, all the members of the committee were present.

The work has claimed considerable time, thought and effort, and a portion of the work is in an advanced state of preparation. It will, however, require patient, painstaking effort, to arrange and unify in proper order, the whole, when ready for such work. The chairman is absent because of ill health. The committee has therefore instructed me to report progress, and to request that it be continued and enlarged by the addition of Revs. Dr. Jos. H. Dubbs and John Bachman, who may render us the needed assistance, especially in the German and Dutch languages.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

The Committee on a Digest, as now constituted, consists of Revs. Dr. George Wm. Welker, Dr. Edmund R. Eschbach, Dr. Isaac H. Reiter, John P. Stein, Elder Christian M. Boush, Revs. Ellis N. Kremer, Cyrus Cort, Dr. Joseph H. Dubbs and John Bachman.

MANNER OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

Allegheny Classis, as reported in item 13 by the Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, overtures General Synod as to the manner of electing delegates to the General Synod by a classis, and desires a deliverance on this question: "In electing delegates to the General Synod does it require a majority of the votes cast in

order to elect, or is a plurality vote sufficient?" This overture was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs Jacob Hassler, Allen R. Bartholomew and Elder John A. Steiner. This committee, during the evening session on the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed to report on the overture of the Allegheny Classis, in reference to the election of delegates to the General Synod, would recommend the following:

WHEREAS, The constitution prescribes no specific rule for an election of delegates to the General Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this synod, that each classis has the right to adopt its own rule for such an election and should do so. Respectfully submitted,

JACOB HASSLER, *Chairman*.

OVERTURE OF WICHITA CLASSIS TO TRANSFER PROPERTY, ETC.

Wichita Classis, as reported in item 4 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, during Monday afternoon session, overtures General Synod to transfer a certain church property at Emporia, Kansas, to the Synod of the Interior, and furnishes a blank form of a quit claim deed for this purpose. The subject matter of this item was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Jacob O. Miller, Elders Daniel S. Keller and Christian M. Boush. This committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the overture from Wichita Classis praying the General Synod to transfer to the Synod of the Interior all its interest in the church property in Emporia, Kansas, respectfully report; that they do not consider it expedient to make said transfer at the present time, and therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER,
DANIEL S. KELLER,
CHRISTIAN M. BOUSH,

Committee.

PROPER CLASSIFICATION OF BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

As reported in item 10 by the Standing Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, an overture was received from Rev. Dr. N. Gehr in reference to the proper manner of classifying benevolent contributions. The subject-matter of this item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Clement Z. Weiser, Henry W. Vitz and Elder Josiah Rohrbaugh. This committee, at the evening session on Monday, presented their report which was received and discussed, and recommitted. The committee subsequently again reported. The report was received and as amended adopted:

The committee appointed to define the mind of the General Synod on the question, whether "gifts donated for the support of the poor within a congregation are to be classified with the contributions for general benevolence, or added to the amount of congregational expenses," would answer to wit:

That General Synod intends all charities offered within the bounds of a pastoral charge, and applied to persons or ends within the said charge, to be embraced under benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT Z. WEISER, *Chairman.*

CLASSIFICATION OF ADULT BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

Eastern Ohio Classis, as reported at Monday afternoon session in item 6, by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, overtures the General Synod to lay down a positive rule whereby adult baptisms and confirmations may be classified. In regard to this overture, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That persons baptized and confirmed as adults be counted both in the column of adult baptism and in the column of confirmation.

RESPECTING MODE OF BAPTISM.

Wyoming Classis, as reported at Tuesday morning session in item 9 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, requests General Synod to give a deliverance on the question, as to whether it is permissible to depart from the

mode of baptism which has prevailed in the Reformed Church. Thereupon, on motion, the following action was adopted.

Resolved, That the subject matter of this item be referred to a special committee, of which Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., shall be chairman, with instruction to report to the General Synod at its next triennial meeting.

The committee consists of Rev. Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger.*

TIME OF ANNOUNCING SENTENCE OF EXCOMMUNICATION.

* West Susquehanna Classis, as reported at Tuesday morning session in item 10 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, asks the General Synod for a decision, as to whether a sentence of excommunication, when an appeal has been taken, should be forthwith publicly announced, or whether the announcement should be withheld pending the final disposition of said appeal. The subject matter of this item, on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Edmund Erb, Dr. Jonathan E. Hiester, and Elder William R. Barnhart, with instruction to report to the General Synod at its next triennial meeting.

Wichita Classis, as reported during the morning session on Tuesday in item 12 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, requests General Synod to pay one-half the traveling expenses of delegates to this meeting of synod. Similar requests were made in behalf of some other of the "far west" classes. Thereupon, on motion,

Resolved, That the synod hereby instructs its treasurer to pay one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates to this synod from the Classes of Wichita, Kansas, Iowa, Lincoln, Nebraska and Ursinus.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the attention of the several classes and of their stated clerks is hereby called to synod's action, requiring the names of the delegates to be reported to the Stated

*The other members of the committee, by some oversight, were not announced or reported by the president. *Stated Clerk.*

Clerk of the General Synod at least thirty days before each triennial meeting; and that the classes are directed to arrange their annual meetings, so as not to conflict with this established rule of synod.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

1. The Standing Committee on the State of the Church, presented in connection with their triennial report an alphabetical list of the forty-six ministers of the Reformed Church, who have died during the intervening three years from June 1, 1887, to May 28, 1890. This list, carefully prepared by the stated clerk, was made a part of, and adopted with the report on the State of the Church, and appears in a foot note in connection with said report.

2. As reported in item 11 of the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, a copy of the German Directory of Worship was received with the report of the committee on translation. The book was received and ordered to be placed in the Archives of synod.

3. As reported in item 29 of the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, that a book, entitled "Won by Prayer," was presented to synod by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew. This book was thankfully received, and ordered to be placed in the Archives of synod.

4. As reported in item 28 by the Standing Committee on Overtures, the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, presented some books and papers to synod. The books were thankfully received, and referred to the Board of Home Missions of General Synod for the use of said board.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The following reports and items of a financial character received the attention of the General Synod during its present sessions:

1. *Report of Treasurer of General Synod.*

CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

DR.

RECEIPTS.

June 1, 1887, To balance in Treasury \$1,223 63

CONTINGENT FUND.

To cash from Eastern Synod, viz:

Feb'y 4, 1889. On account	\$300 00
July 9, 1889. On account	400 00
Oct. 2, 1889. On account	194 10
May 8, 1890. In full	170 32
	\$1,064 42

To cash from Ohio Synod, viz:

Feb'y 1, 1888. On account	\$186 85
June 2, 1888. In full	103 22
	\$290 07

To cash from Synod of the North West, viz:

Feb'y 5, 1889. On account	\$100 00
Sept. 23, 1889. In full	120 92
	\$220 92

To cash from Synod of Pittsburgh, viz:

Sept. 18, 1888. On account	\$150 00
Sept. 6, 1889. In full	31 85
	\$181 85

To cash from Synod of Potomac, viz:

Oct. 3, 1888. On account	\$229 44
Sept. 30, 1889. In full	200 00
	\$429 44

Sept. 19, 1888. To cash from German Synod in the East, in full	170 14
Dec. 6, 1888. To cash from Central Synod, in full	220 29
	\$3,800 76

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To cash from Eastern Synod, as follows:

July 2, 1888. On account	\$31 00
Jan. 28, 1889. " "	10 05
May 13, " "	6 00
May 21, " "	21 51
Aug. 17, " "	98 50
Oct. 2, " "	32 00
Oct. 9, " "	13 40
Nov. 4, " "	30 00
Jan. 29, " "	29 00
	\$271 46

Amount carried forward	\$4,072 22
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Amount brought forward.....	\$4,072 22
Feb'y 1, 1888. To cash, Synod of Ohio, in full	93 15
To cash from Synod of the North West, viz:	
Jan. 13, 1888. On account	\$50 00
Feb'y 4, 1890. In full	21 90
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	\$71 90
Dec. 7, 1887. To cash from Synod of Pittsburgh, in full	58 41
To cash from Synod of Potomac, viz:	
Oct. 3, 1888. On account	\$109 50
Sept. 30, 1889. On account	23 84
May 8, 1890. In full	4 82
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	\$138 16
Dec. 13, 1887. To cash from Synod of the East, in full	54 72
May 12, 1888. To cash from Central Synod, in full	70 88
Aug. 30, 1887. Per Rev. August Becker, from John Ueber, New Orleans for Bohemia Church	1 00

DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP ACCOUNT.

(See Minutes of 1887, page 163).

Feb'y 3, 1888. To cash from Rev. C. G. Fisher, Reformed Publishing House, Philadelphia	\$105 84
May 24, 1890. To cash from German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., in full for amount due	13 00
May 26, 1890. To cash from Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton Ohio ...	20 00
May 26, 1890. To cash from Reformed Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa ...	41 25
May 26, 1890. To cash from Reformed Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa., royalty of 10 cents per copy on sheets for 710 copies of Directory of Wor- ship, sold to date	71 00
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Total	<u>\$4,811 48</u>

EXPENDITURES. CR.

1887.	
June 10. By cash, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk	\$125 00
June 10. By cash, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., traveling expenses to General Synod's meeting	11 15
June 10. By cash, Beacon Publishing Co., Akron, O., for printing 500 tickets for election officers	3 20
June 22. By cash, Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D. D., traveling expenses to meet- ing of Committee on Revision of Constitution, met at Akron, O	24 00
June 22. By cash to Rev. N. S. Strassburger, D. D. for expressage, freight, post- age, &c., on English and German copies of constitution	4 14
June 30. By cash to Grace Reformed Church, Akron, O., for use of their church for General Synod's meeting	40 00
July 12. By cash, to German Publishing House, Cleveland O., for printing 250 copies of the constitution	46 83
Sept. 3. By cash, to Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., salary as German clerk	120 00
Sept. 3. By cash to Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., for incidental expenses	5 65
Sept 24. By cash to Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., sundries per bill	6 60
Sept 24. By cash for printing English Minutes and sundry expenses per Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.,	636 45
Sept. 24. By cash to German Publishing House, Cleveland, O., for publishing German Minutes	410 72
Oct. 1. By cash to Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., for half ream of paper for use at Synod's meeting in Akron, Ohio	1 00
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Amount carried forward	\$1,435 34

Amount brought forward	\$1,435 34
1888.	
May 23. By cash, to Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., traveling expenses to meeting of General Synod of Lutheran Church, held in Harrisburg, May 27 to June 2, 1885	2 50
June 28. By cash, to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expense in attending meeting of Reformed Church in America, at Catskill, N. Y	24 75
1889.	
Sept. 21. By cash to Rev. D. B. Lady, expense in attending meeting of Lutheran Synod in Allegheny City, June 12, 1889	2 79
To cash, to delegates to meeting of General Synod from west of the Mississippi River (see minutes, page 162) to wit:	
July 13, 1887. Rev. D. R. Shney, one-half traveling expenses	\$ 21 50
Sept. 5, 1887. Rev. T. F. Stauffer, one-half traveling expenses	20 45
August 6, 1887. Rev. R. L. Gerhart, one-half traveling expenses	13 50
March 24, 1888. Elder J. H. Brown, one-half traveling expenses	21 50
Nov. 18, 1888. Elder J. W. Keefer, one-half traveling expenses	18 00
June 27, 1887. Rev. D. S. Fouse, one-third traveling expenses	9 00
Sept. 20, 1887. Rev. C. Baum, one-third traveling expenses	8 70
Oct. 26, 1888. Rev. G. Loos, one-third traveling expenses	8 00
June 27, 1887. Elder J. R. Wetherell, one-third traveling expenses	11 00
	<u>\$131 65</u>
Sept. 6, 1887. By cash, traveling expenses of members of Committee on Publication of Directory of Worship, meeting held at Harrisburg, September 6, 1887, viz:	
Dr. L. H. Steiner	\$ 5 25
C. G. Gross	6 40
	<u>\$11 65</u>
Dec. 9, 1887. By cash, traveling expenses of members of Sunday-school Board, meeting held at Altoona, Pa., viz:	
Rev. C. Clever	\$13 20
" J. S. Kieffer, D. D.	11 25
" A. E. F. Schade	14 75
" A. E. Dahlman	14 20
" J. I. Good, D. D.	14 20
" A. E. Baichly	26 50
" C. F. Kriete	21 20
" D. B. Lady	8 75
" C. S. Gerhard	10 05
" M. Loucks	10 50
	<u>\$144 60</u>
Oct. 3, 1888. By cash, traveling expenses of members of executive committee of Sunday-school Board, meeting September 25, 1888, at Altoona, Pa., viz:	
Rev. A. E. Baichly	\$20 75
" D. B. Lady	7 00
" C. S. Gerhard	8 50
	<u>\$36 25</u>
By cash, traveling expenses of Committee on Union of the two Reformed Churches, to wit:	
Feb. 15, 1888. Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., to meeting in New York	\$36 45
Mar. 16, " Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., to meeting in New York	12 00
Apr. 11, " Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., to meeting in New York	1 30
Apr. 11, " Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., to meeting in Philadelphia	9 20
Apr. 13, " Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, D. D., to meeting in Philadelphia	36 24
June 11, " Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to meeting in New York	10 00
June 11, " Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D., to meeting in Philadelphia	5 00
Mar. 13, 1889. Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., to meeting in New York	25 00
	<u>\$135 19</u>
Amount carried forward	\$1,924 72

Amount brought forward		\$1,924 72
By cash, to Committee on Formulas, to wit:		
<i>For meeting held in Akron, Ohio.</i>		
Aug. 28, 1888. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	\$10 50	
" " " " stationery	1 50	
Aug. 30, 1889. C. M. Bousch, Esq	7 00	
<i>For meeting held in Meadville.</i>		
Aug. 30, 1889. Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D.	18 00	
Aug. 30, 1889. Rev. J. Dahlmann, D. D.	6 00	
Aug. 13, 1889. By cash, to members of committee to prepare digest of proceedings of synod's meeting held at Millersville, Pa., August 7, 1889, to wit:		\$43 00
Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D.	\$31 65	
" E. R. Eschbach, D. D.	7 00	
" C. Cort	5 25	
		\$43 90
By cash, for traveling and other expenses of Hymnal Committee, as follows:		
Sept. 24, 1887. Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., for purchase of Hymn Book and Hymnals	\$19 45	
Nov. 21, 1887. To Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., traveling expenses of members attending meeting at Martinsburg, W. Va.	53 45	
Dec. 14. To Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., for printing for acc't com.	15 69	
		\$88 59
Feb. 15, 1888. To members attending meeting at Easton, Pa., Feb. 7, 1888:		
Rev. J. M. Schick	\$19 85	
" J. A. Hoffheins	13 80	
" H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	35 00	
Books	3 25	
Postage	65	
		\$72 55
Dec. 11, 1888. To members attending meeting at Greenville, Pa., December 4, 1888:		
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	\$12 65	
" J. A. Hoffheins	17 00	
" H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	31 57	
Eight Hymn Books, postage, &c.	5 38	
		\$66 60
Jan. 22, 1889. To members attending meeting at Martinsburg, W. Va., January 15, 1889:		
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	35 00	
" J. M. Schick	22 50	
" J. A. Hoffheins	60	
" H. M. Kieffer, D. D.	1 13	
		\$59 23
Jan. 31, 1889. To Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D., for Hymnals for use of the committee	\$2 20	
June 28, 1889. To members attending meeting at Easton, Pa., June 20, 1889:		
Rev. J. A. Hoffheins	\$11 20	
" J. M. Schick	32 50	
" H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	35 60	
Mr. H. T. Buckley, Organist.	18 00	
Expressage, postage, &c.	1 30	
		\$98 60
Dec. 4, 1889. To members attending meeting at Easton, Pa., November 19 to 27, 1889:		
Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	\$35 20	
" J. M. Schick	29 00	
" J. A. Hoffheins	11 20	
Services of organist	12 00	
Two music books	3 00	
Express bills	2 25	
Postage and stationery	60	
		\$93 25
Amount carried forward		\$2,492 64

Amount brought forward	2,492 61
Jan. 21, 1890. To members attending meeting at Martinsburg, W. Va., January 9 to 16, 1890:	
Rev. J. M. Schick	\$22 90
" J. A. Hoffheins	3 50
Postage	45
	<hr/> \$26 85
By cash, to members of Committee on Union of the Two Reformed Churches, attending meeting in New York, April 22, 1890, as follows:	
May 17, 1890. Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D.	\$10 00
May 20, 1890. Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D.	12 25
	<hr/> \$22 25
Feb. 3, 1888. By cash, to John Paton, treasurer for the relief of the Reformed Churches in Bohemia, (see Minutes, page 49)	801 00
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Total amount of expenditures	\$3,342 74
Balance in treasury May 28, 1890	1,468 74
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	<u>\$4,811 48</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, O., for copies of Directory of Worship unsold	\$63 25
Reformed Publishing House, Philadelphia, for copies of Directory of Worship unsold	31 50
Eastern Synod, for balance remaining unpaid on apportionment for Bohemia Church Aid	70 63
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	<u>\$165 42</u>

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIAN G. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the report of the treasurer, adopted:

Your Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the following papers and items as having come into their hands to wit:

1. The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod.
2. The action of synod granting the bills and expenses of delegates. (a), To corresponding churches. (b). To the Alliance of Reformed Churches.
3. Synod's action granting expenses for printing Prescribed Forms for the use of the Reformed Church in the United States. (a), English. (b), German.
4. Harbor Missions to the amount of \$2,500.00.

5. Theological Seminary, Berlin, through pastor Hepke, \$100.00

6. The action of synod granting ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates to General Synod from Wichita, Kansas, Lincoln, Iowa, Ursinus and Nebraska Classes.

We have examined the report of the Treasurer of General Synod and compared it with vouchers on hand and find it to be correct. The balance on hand from the previous three years amounted to \$1,223.63, and this together with receipts in the interim amounts to \$4,812.26. The disbursements during the same time amounted to \$3,343.52, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,468.74.

The apportionments made by the last General Synod for contingent expenses has been paid in full by the several district synods excepting a delinquency on the part of the Eastern Synod of \$70 63, a balance on apportionment for Bohemian Church Aid.

The bills and expenses of delegates to corresponding Sister Churches amount to the following :

(a.) To Rev. Herman Rust, D. D.....	\$15 80
(b.) To Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D.....	3 50
Total.....	<hr/> \$19 30

The apportionment of the Reformed Church in the United States to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches held in London, England, 1888, \$390.00.

Expenses of printing forms for the use of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(a.) English.....	\$ 54 25
(b.) German.....	52 67
Total..	<hr/> \$106 92

The defraying of one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates to this General Synod from the following classes, viz :

<i>Wichita</i> —Rev. John W. Love.....	\$26 50
<i>Kansas</i> —Rev. Albert G. Lohman.....	24 00
<i>Lincoln</i> —Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer.....	26 00
<i>Iowa</i> —Rev. G. Dickie Gurley.....	15 80
<i>Iowa</i> —Elder Gabriel K. Miller.....	15 80
<i>Ursinus</i> —Rev. Elias E. Gruenstein.....	34 00
<i>Nebraska</i> —Rev. Edmund Erb.....	20 00

Your committee has apportioned in round numbers among the several district synods for the purposes designated, namely:

Contingent Expenses	\$3,000 00
Harbor Missions	2,500 00
Total	\$5,500 00

THE FOLLOWING IS THE APPORTIONMENT FOR EACH SYNOD:

SYNODS.	Members.	Contingent Expenses.	Harbor Missions.	Total.
Eastern Synod	84,210	\$1,272 10	\$1,060 15	\$2,332 25
Synod of Ohio	19,748	294 15	245 10	539 25
Synod of the Northwest	17,472	264 25	220 05	484 30
Synod of Pittsburgh	14,092	216 05	180 25	396 30
Synod of Potomac	32,310	486 20	405 35	891 55
Ger. Synod of the East	12,640	192 35	160 20	352 55
Central Synod	17,233	264 40	220 50	484 90
Synod of the Interior	2,793	42 50	35 40	77 90
Total,	\$200,498	\$3,032 00	\$2,527 00	\$5,559 00

Your committee has a paper of statements of accounts on the Directory of Worship by the treasurer of General Synod, showing the amounts due from

(a.) Reformed Publishing Company, Dayton, Ohio	\$63 29
(b.) Reformed Publication Board, Philadelphia, Pa.	31 50
	\$94 79

It is recommended that the treasurer of this synod continue to care for the amounts above mentioned and that he make settlement for the same from time to time as occasion may require; and that the Eastern Synod be respectfully requested to pay the delinquency on the Bohemian Church aid as soon as possible.

Your committee recommends the following action for adoption:

1. That this synod direct that the money apportioned to the Harbor Missions be paid to the treasurer of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and that the attention of synods and classes be called to this action.

2. That this synod direct that the several district synods be requested to pay one-half of their respective contingent expenses to the treasurer of this synod, within one year after the adjournment of General Synod.

3. That the treasurer of this synod be instructed to pay the one-half of the traveling expenses of the delegates to this General Synod from the classes of Wichita, Kansas, Lincoln, Iowa, Ursinns and Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WM. H. SMITH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Monday, reported in item 18 that the publication of the Minutes of the General Synod was ordered. In response to the inquiry raised, the following report was received and adopted:

It is hereby reported, that, in accordance with the instruction of General Synod, I had 4,000 copies of the Minutes of its last triennial session officially published in the usual form in the English, and 2,000 in the German language through the Assistant Clerk; and that they were distributed among the several District Synods according to the ratio of the apportionment respectively made for contingent expenses.

Respectively submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 5,000 copies of the Minutes of the present General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English language, and 2,000 copies in the German, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, during the afternoon session on Monday, submitted their report, through the chairman Rev. James I. Good, D. D. The report was received and discussed, and then recommitted with instruction to nominate on the Sunday-school Board five members for

three years, and five members for six years, and to nominate about one-third of the members on the Boards of Home and of Foreign Missions from the German portion of the church. The committee during the same session again submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted. The committee was instructed to have 300 copies of the nominations printed for the use of the synod. The election of boards and delegates was made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon immediately after the opening of synod.

When the time arrived for holding the election, on motion, the adoption of the committee's report was reconsidered and it was recommitted for correction. Subsequently the committee again presented their report, which was accepted and as corrected adopted; and the election was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

At the appointed time the election was held. Elder William A. Heitshu, George F. Wendel, Jacob Rader and George Fahrenbaugh were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the printed tickets among the members of synod, received and counted the ballots, and subsequent reported the result. For the result of the election, see Articles XI., XIII., and XIV.

After the roll of the General Synod had been completed, and a quorum was found present, the several officers of the synod, except those holding their positions permanently, were duly elected, and entered upon the duties of their offices respectively. For the result of this election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

During the afternoon session on Friday, as the order of the day, Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, ably addressed the synod on the importance and obligation of Sabbath observance, to which the President appropriately responded. Then, on motion,

Resolved, That the subject matter of Dr. Taylor's address,

together with the First Annual Report of the American Sabbath Union, be referred to a special committee to present a report thereon.

The committee consists of Revs. Drs. Benjamin Bausman, Geo. W. Williard and Elder John W. Bickel. This committee, at the evening session on Tuesday, presented their report which was received and adopted :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—The undersigned, a committee to whom was referred the "First Annual Report of the American Sabbath Union" and the address of Dr. Taylor, respectfully report :

That the able and instructive address of Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Union, and an examination of the report and the constitution of the Union reveal the fact that the great aim and object of the organization is "to preserve the Christian Sabbath as a day of rest and worship."

The declared basis of its operations is "the Divine authority and universal and perpetual obligation of the Sabbath, as manifested in the order and constitution of nature, declared in the revealed will of God, formulated in the fourth commandment of the moral law, interpreted and applied by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His apostles, and approved by its beneficent influence upon personal and national life."

The Union recommends and urges upon all who love the Christian Sabbath to form local organizations to promote the observance of the Lord's Day and serve as a bond of union among the friends of the cause, and especially seeks to enlist the united efforts of all denominations of Christian worshippers in this work.

In view of the alarming and wide-spread disposition to desecrate the Christian Sabbath, as manifested in the tendency to neglect public and private worship, to visit parks and pleasure resorts, to witness base-ball games and races, to patronize drinking resorts, to making excursions by rail and boat, to engage in ordinary daily avocations, to spend the day in reading the Sunday newspapers, overlaid with rubbish of the most fatal character to Christian purity, and the general neglect of duty in regard to Sabbath observance, even by professing church members, the organization of this Union and the establishment of local organizations to further its

objects seem to your committee to be most timely and worthy of the sympathy, aid, encouragement and active efforts of every Christian communion, as well as the individual efforts of every lover of the Lord.

We would, therefore, respectfully recommend that this synod adopt the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That this synod is in hearty sympathy with the aims and objects of the "American Sabbath Union," and that it heartily commends the work to the attention and sympathy of the congregations of our church, to the end that the desecration of the Christian Sabbath may be overcome and its sanctity preserved to the glory of God and the welfare of His people.

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN,
GEO. W. WILLIARD,
JOHN W. BICKEL,

Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That this synod appoint an official representative to the American Sabbath Union.

Thereupon Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., was appointed as said representative.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS.

Philadelphia Classis, during the forenoon session on Tuesday, as reported in item 17 by the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, overtured this synod to call the attention of the classes to Article 139 of the Constitution and ask them to report the number of congregations which have no weekly prayer-meetings held in their congregations. Whereupon the following action was moved and adopted :

WHEREAS, Special week-day devotional services belong to the earliest practice and inmost character of the Reformed Church ; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod warmly recommends to every congregation within its bounds devoutly to observe such services wherever practicable, and so minister to the spiritual edification and growth of the churches, whether under the name of prayer-meetings, Bible Stunden, or service of prayer and praise ; and that the several classes be

instructed to call the attention of the pastors and churches to this important matter, as referred to in Article 139 of the Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD ARRANGEMENTS.

In accordance with appointment, as stated in item 19 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod, the Committee on Railroad Accommodations submitted their report which was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to procure reduced rates of railroad transportation for delegates and others desiring to attend the sessions of General Synod at Lebanon would report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them. Orders for excursion rates, at a reduction of one-third from the regular fare, on the certificate plan, were issued by the Trunk Line Association, the Central Traffic Association, the Southern Passenger Association and the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey. The Stated Clerk of General Synod attended to the greater part of the details, and all persons attending the sessions of General Synod, who obeyed his published instructions, secured the promised reduction in the rates of travel. The thanks of General Synod are due to the railroads represented by the various associations for the favors granted. Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Railroad Accommodations, respecting reduced fare, was continued; namely, Revs. Cyrus Cort, Jonas B. Shontz, Dennis B. Shuey, Dr. Geo. Wm. Welker and Dr. Isaac H. Reiter.

THE NEXT TRIENNIAL MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

During the evening session of the last day of the sessions, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the synod now proceed to select the place and fix the time for its next triennial meeting.

Thereupon the St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, of Reading, Pa., through its pastor, extended a cordial invitation to the General Synod to hold its next triennial meeting there. This invitation called forth the following action which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby gratefully accepts the proffered invitation and decides to hold its next triennial meeting in the St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church, at Reading, Berks County, Pa.; and fixes the time to be Wednesday, May 24, A. D. 1893, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

REPORT ON BOOKS PRESENTED TO SYNOD.

During the afternoon session on Tuesday the Standing Committee on Overtures reported in item 28 that some books were presented to this synod by the German Publishing House, at Cleveland, Ohio. This was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Martin A. Smith, John C. Schaaf, Dr. Aaron Wanner, Elders Philip Bausman and Thomas F. Butz. This committee, during the evening session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report which was received and, as amended, adopted:

The committee to whom were referred the books, etc., presented by the German Publishing House, Cleveland, Ohio, beg leave to report,

That the books and periodicals presented are as follows, viz: two copies of the German Hymn Book, one large size and the other small, one copy of the Hymnal, two copies of the German Sunday-school Hymn Book, one large size and the other small, one copy of *Zahn's Biblische Geschichte*, arranged in accordance with the church year, two copies of Register for Congregations, one large and the other smaller, published both in the English and German language, and one copy of Class Book for Sunday-schools, and sample copies of the *Reformirte Kirchenzeitung*, *Missionsbote*, *Abendlust*, *Lammerhirte* and *Vergissmeinnicht*. The books are all gotten up in the finest style, type, paper and binding being all that could be desired. We recommend that the synod return its thanks to the German Publishing House for these books and that they be given to the Board of Missions for distribution among mission congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN A. SMITH, *Chairman*.

REPORT FURNISHED BY THE REPORTERS.

During the afternoon session on the second day of the sessions, on motion, Revs. J. David Miller, John M. Schick, Cyrus Cort, Rufus C. Zartman, A. Carl Whitmer, John Bachman and Elder Daniel Miller were appointed as reporters to report the proceedings of synod to the press.

At the evening session on the last day of the sessions the reporters submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

Your reporters appointed to prepare an abstract of the proceedings of your body for the public press would respectfully report that matter has been furnished to the *Altoona Tribune*, *Lancaster Intelligencer*, *Die Kirchenzeitung*, *The Messenger*, *The Christian World*, *The Reformed Record* and the *Daily Times*, of Lebanon; from the last of these the reports of the Associated Press were made up by their agent in this city.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the evening session on Monday, on motion, Rev. Andrew J. Heller, Jacob Hassler and Elder Daniel Shepp were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, in connection with the final calling of the roll and shortly before the final adjournment of synod, presented the following report, which was received and accepted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that they granted excuses to the following persons:

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.	TIME.
East Pennsylvania,	Rev. C. W. Levan,	Tuesday A. M.
" "	Rev. H. M. Kieffer, D. D.,	Thursday P. M.
" "	Elder John Teel,	Thursday P. M.
" "	Elder Joel Dreisbach,	Thursday P. M.
" "	Elder J. J. Hoffman,	Monday A. M.
Lebanon,	Rev. Sam. A. Leinbach,	Thursday A. M.

Philadelphia,	Elder H. C. Hoover,	Wednesday A. M.
"	Eld. H. M. Housekeeper,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Rev. J. H. Sechler,	Thursday A. M.
Lancaster,	Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D.,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder E. H. Burkholder,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Philip Bausman,	Tuesday P. M.
East Susquehanna,	Elder Chas. C. Leader,	Wednesday A. M.
" "	Rev. J. C. Leinbach,	Thursday A. M.
" "	Rev. T. J. Hacker,	Thursday P. M.
" "	Elder J. K. Moyer,	Wednesday P. M.
Goshenhoppen,	Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D.,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Henry E. Roeder,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Reuben Riegner,	Thursday P. M.
"	Rev. Eli Keller, D. D.,	Thursday P. M.
Tohickon,	Rev. J. O. Kehm,	Thursday A. M.
"	Rev. N. Z. Snyder,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Chas. Bachman,	Wednesday P. M.
Lehigh,	Elder Thos. F. Butz,	Wednesday P. M.
Schuylkill,	Elder Daniel Shepp,	Thursday P. M.
"	Rev. C. S. Gerhard,	Thursday P. M.
Wyoming,	Rev. A. Houtz,	Thursday P. M.
"	Elder Daniel Klinger,	Thursday P. M.
Miami,	Rev. A. E. Baichly,	Thursday P. M.
"	Rev. G. Z. Mechling,	Thursday P. M.
"	Elder Benjamin Kuhns,	Thursday P. M.
"	Elder V. P. Van Horne,	Thursday P. M.
Tuscarawas,	Rev. S. C. Goss, D. D.,	Thursday A. M.
"	Elder John C. Kremer,	Thursday A. M.
Tiffin,	Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D.,	Thursday P. M.
"	H. H. W. Hibschan, D. D.,	Thursday P. M.
"	Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D.,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Henry Stoner,	Wednesday P. M.
Eastern Ohio,	Rev. J. H. Bomberger,	Thursday A. M.
" "	Elder Josiah Rohrbaugh,	Thursday A. M.
St. Joseph's,	Rev. W. H. Xanders,	Thursday P. M.
Indiana,	Rev. G. J. Reiche,	Thursday P. M.
Nebraska,	Rev. Edmund Erb,	Thursday A. M.
Ursinus,	Rev. E. E. Gruenstein,	Thursday A. M.
Westmoreland,	Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher,	Thursday A. M.
"	Elder W. R. Barnhart,	Thursday A. M.
Clarion,	Rev. W. W. Deatrick,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder W. D. Hartman,	Wednesday P. M.
Somerset,	Elder C. W. Truxal,	Wednesday P. M.
Allegheny,	Elder J. M. Conroy,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Rev. E. S. Hassler,	Thursday P. M.
Zion's (Potomac Synod)	Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.,	Thursday P. M.
" " "	Elder Israel Laucks,	Thursday P. M.

Maryland,	Elder J. A. Steiner,	Thursday A. M.
"	Elder G. S. Griffith,	Monday P. M.
Mercersburg,	Elder Jacob Heyser,	Thursday A. M.
"	Rev. W. C. Cremer,	Thursday A. M.
"	Elder Joseph Fuss,	Wednesday P. M.
Virginia,	Elder Henry J. Seibert,	Thursday A. M.
North Carolina,	Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.,	Monday P. M.
Gettysburg,	Elder Joseph Gelbach,	Wednesday A. M.
Carlisle,	Elder F. M. McKeehan,	Tuesday P. M.
"	Rev. A. H. Kremer, D. D.	Tuesday P. M.
Juniata,	Rev. C. J. Musser,	Wednesday P. M.
German Maryland,	Rev. J. C. Hauser,	Tuesday P. M.
"	Elder Martin Hoengen,	Wednesday A. M.
West Pennsylvania,	Rev. C. A. Limberg,	Wednesday A. M.
Heidelberg,	Rev. Peter Greding, D.D.	Thursday A. M.
Erie,	Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen,	Tuesday P. M.
"	Rev. Fred. Forwick,	Wednesday P. M.
St. John's,	Rev. Fred. Strassner,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder John Kling,	Wednesday P. M.
Cincinnati,	Elder J. Bachman,	Wednesday P. M.
"	Elder Ferd. O. Zesch,	Wednesday P. M.
Kansas,	Rev. A. G. Lohman,	Wednesday P. M.
Lincoln,	Rev. T. F. Stauffer,	Wednesday A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. HELLER, *Chairman.*

As reported by the Standing Committee on Overtures in item 1, an invitation was given, through Grant Weidman, Esq., to synod to attend a public service connected with a branch or post of the Grand Army on Decoration Day, being Friday, May 30, 1890. On motion,

Resolved, That the synod hereby returns its cordial thanks for this invitation.

Also, as reported by the same committee and at the same time, in item 2, an invitation was received from the Superintendent of the Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, to visit the home in a body during the sessions of synod. On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are hereby sincerely extended and, if found practicable, the synod will comply with the invitation.

According to item 29 in the report of the Standing Committee on Overtures, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, presented to synod a book, entitled "Won by Prayer." On motion,

Resolved, That the book be accepted with thanks, and that it be placed in the Archives of synod.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on Arrangements of the First Reformed Church be respectfully requested to have four boys appointed to act as pages for synod.

Thereupon said committee appointed the following named boys to act as pages, to wit: Harry Cilley, George Bleistein, John Yingst and William Reinhart.

On motion,

Resolved, That the invitation to visit the Cornwall mines, Mt. Gretna and other places of interest, so generously extended by Mr. Robert H. Coleman, be accepted, and that Saturday afternoon be fixed as the time for the excursion.

At the appointed time the synod, in a body, made the excursion trip with enjoyable appreciation and gratifying results. For vote of thanks see Article XXIV., Resumption and Close.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod most heartily thanks the good Reformed people and other citizens of Lebanon for their very hospitable entertainment, and hereby expresses its high appreciation of the work of the pastor of this First Reformed Church and the Committee on Entertainment for the convenience and comfort made for this synod in the transaction of its business.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the General Synod be tendered to the railroad companies that granted reduced

rates to the delegates and others attending this meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pa.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to return the thanks of General Synod to the proper authorities of the respective railroads that granted special privileges.

WHEREAS, Robert H. Coleman, Esq., of Lebanon, Pa., having given this General Synod a most enjoyable excursion to the beautiful park of Mt. Gretna, the famous "Governor Dick" Observatory and the world-renowned and truly wonderful "Cornwall" ore mines; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby put on record this expression of our very high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended, and that a copy of the above be forwarded to Mr. Coleman.

The roll of the General Synod was called and there were found absent without permission or excuse Elders Martin L. Lerch, Thomas L. Clapp, John H. Bowman and John S. Zimmerman.

The minutes of the three sessions of to-day were read and approved, and then the minutes were adopted as a whole and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States now adjourns to meet again in triennial sessions in St. Paul's Memorial Reformed Church at Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, May 24, A. D. 1893, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

The General Synod adjourned on Thursday, June 5, A. D. 1890, at eleven o'clock in the evening, and closed its sessions with reading of Scripture, prayer, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing and benediction by the president.

JOHN H. A. BOMBERGER, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

THE SYNODS AND THE CLASSES.

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MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	(Congregations.		Members.	Members (Unconfirmed.)	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		(Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommuni- cated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Members.	(Congregations.			Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	(Congrega- tional Purposes.	
I. EASTERN SYNOD.																				
East Pa. Classis.																				
Cyrus J. Becker	Howertown	2	622	496	35		16	17	512	15		24	4		400	1	\$345 00	\$2,025 00	Calasauqua, Pa.	
Daniel F. Brendle, D. D.	Farmersville	3	620	400	43		21	4	530	8		15	7		360		129 00	1,181 00	Bethlehem, Pa.	
Edw. W. Reinecke, D. D.	Plainfield	3	830	475	57		30		650	4		28	5		3		212 00	1,430 00	Nazareth, Pa.	
Robert Lisberger	St. Peter's	3	154	50	22	1			116	2		6	2		160		64 00	900 00	Bath, Pa.	
Martin A. Smith	Dryland	2	575	325	30		2					24			200	1	187 00	1,000 00	Nazareth, Pa.	
T. C. Porter, D.D., LL. D.	Prof. in Lafayette Col																		Easton, Pa.	
Charles Becker	Without charge																		Allentown, Pa.	
Horace Daniel	Without charge																		Nazareth, Pa.	
Wm. D. C. Rodroek	Engaged in Bible Work																		Paterson, New Jersey.	
Tilghman O. Stem	St. Mark's	1	386	184	43	1	16	17	297	6		4	1		449		180 00	1,050 00	Easton, Pa.	
Thomas A. Huber	Towamensing	3	438	208	44		54	6	350	4		10	8		300		126 00	955 00	Weissport, Pa.	
John J. Crist	Without charge																		Calasauqua, Pa.	
John E. Smith.	Moore Township	3	702	525	35		13	1	500	4		16	4		400	3	165 00	1,500 00	Bath, Pa.	
James W. Mabry	Kreidersville	2	780	500	45		72		550	2		25	7		500		236 00	1,210 00	Cherryville, Pa.	
Jacob G. Neff	Without charge																		Bangor, Pa.	
Jos. H. Schlappig	Without charge																		Greenbrier, Pa.	
Frank W. Smith	Pleasant Valley	3	525	385	20		19		327	1		10	4		385		115 00	880 00	Effort, Pa.	
Harry M. Kieffer, D. D.	34 st. Rd., Easton, Pa.	1	480	200	13	2	34	7	388	15		8	3		424		1,533 00	4,950 00	Easton, Pa.	
John Kreizing	Without charge																		Brookheads, Pa.	
Geo. B. Smith	Tannersville	4	424	339	59	1	27	3	340	1		22	4		304		947 00	794 00	Tannersville, Pa.	
Wilson F. More	Calasauqua	1	235	131	19		11	21	205	4		9	7		185		157 00	2,360 00	Calasauqua, Pa.	
John O. Lindaman	Christ Church, Bath	1	288	98	12				150	4		5	1		170		127 00	1,104 00	Bath, Pa.	
Charles W. Levan	Grace Chapel	1	132	56	7	3	8	9	112	1		4			150		70 00	585 00	Easton, Pa.	
John Wolbach	Without charge																		Easton, Pa.	
Geo. W. Remagen	Without charge																		Nazareth, Pa.	
Silas P. Manger	Mount Bethel	2	450	152	19	3	32	1	355	6		7	2		210	1	102 00	1,471 00	Hiawatha, Kan.	
Russell N. Koplin	Stroudsburg	1	45	15	1				25	1			1		40		4 00			Stone Church, Pa.
John J. Stauffer	Weissport	1	300	301					134			6	2		188			610 00		Stroudsburg, Pa.

		2	148	7	33	77	2	2	209	\$ 11 00	\$ 100 00	Bangor, Pa. Hamilton, Pa. Christ Ch., Bethlehem Brookhaven St. Paul's Rittersville Freemansburg Bushkill Center C. B. Stover, Lie
Samuel A. Hiner		2	191	3	29	65	4	7	317	308 00	1,075 00	Seioka, Pa.
Charles B. Weaver		1	312	144	35	365	13	3	300	147 00	1,900 00	Bethlehem, Pa.
Gustavus A. Schwedes		3	400	51	12	3	1	1	201	60 00	1,900 00	
Vacant		1	277	213	44	114	8	1	70	101 00	360 00	South Bethlehem, Pa.
Vacant		1	112	107	15	114	5	1	128	8 00	370 00	Bath, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder, sup		1	193	102	11	115	2	1	50	..	..	Philadelphia, Pa.
J. E. Smith, sup		1	116	65	10	65	..	..	..	..	..	New York City, N. Y.
T. A. Fenstermaker, Lie		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
C. B. Stover, Lie		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 31.		49	9795	5031	611	89	23	263	6160	\$5,334 00	\$28,600 00	
Lebanon Classic.		1	800	600	92	10	..	..	559	\$1,116 00	\$2,122 00	Lebanon, Pa.
David E. Kopp, D. D		4	519	330	29	1	22	1	350	482 00	1,500 00	Annaville, Pa.
Jona. E. Heister, D. D		6	137	80	87	25	75	58	375	226 00	4,000 00	Womelsdorf, Pa.
T. Calvin Leinbach		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Straustown, Pa.
Eli E. Hieser		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Daniel B. Albright		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Colebrookdale, Pa.
James A. Shultz		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hamburg, Pa.
Richard S. Appel		4	30	200	26	1	8	4	215	70 00	528 00	Shilling, Pa.
Adam J. Bachman		4	940	600	74	12	33	9	600	145 00	4,200 00	Schaefferstown, Pa.
Jairus A. Wiekert		4	755	700	87	11	27	6	500	195 00	2,000 00	Jonestown, Pa.
Henry J. Welker		5	475	330	24	2	17	4	329	115 00	750 00	Stonesburg, Pa.
William J. Kershner		3	1353	706	52	1	22	7	731	407 00	2,535 00	Stonesburg, Pa.
Levi D. Stambaugh		3	1110	600	68	2	47	5	429	160 00	2,400 00	115 3d St., Reading, Pa.
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D		4	620	420	37	1	13	24	400	170 00	1,632 00	Rehrensburg, Pa.
Geo. B. Resser		1	291	164	13	3	2	1	221	584 00	1,805 00	Myerstown, Pa.
Sam. A. Leinbach		3	970	550	59	10	15	4	375	250 00	1,600 00	Reading, Pa.
Thomas M. Yundt		2	47	61	1	1	1	1	79	102 00	65 00	Womelsdorf, Pa.
James B. May		1	119	58	1	6	2	1	103	25 00	400 00	Birdsboro', Pa.
Oscar P. Steckel		1	225	190	22	2	16	1	350	45 00	3,193 00	Lebanon, Pa.
Henry Hübisch		1	555	250	16	6	16	1	275	367 00	2,278 00	Myerstown, Pa.
David U. Wolff		1	310	200	17	305	8	4	200	..	350 00	Myerstown, Pa.
B. F. Biery, Lie		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Orchard, Pa.
Total, 22.		50	10785	6819	713	47	110	352	6092	\$4,459 00	\$31,358 00	

*Served by Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., until June 14, 1889, when he suddenly died.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.							Communed.	Dismissed.		Benevolent Purposes.
Philadelphia Classes.																		
Daniel Feete 1	Without charge																Norristown, Pa.	
J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	President Ursinus Col																Collegeville, Pa.	
Henry W. Super, D. D.	Prof. in Ursinus Col																Collegeville, Pa.	
Peter S. Davis, D. D.	Without charge																Chicago, Ill.	
Abraham Romich	Without charge																Philadelphia, Pa.	
Charles W. Schultz	Without charge																Camden, New Jersey.	
Joseph H. Hendricks	Trinity, Collegeville	1	260		3	16	5	8	256	10	4	30	285		\$876 00	\$1,393 00	Collegeville, Pa.	
Charles H. Coon	Trinity, Phila	1	407	37	12	1	27	26	300	10	3	1	503		1,287 00	6,285 00	1541 7th St., Phila., Pa.	
Geo. H. Johnston, D. D.	Ch. of the strangers	1	133	67	6		1	5	106		1	1	16	124	26 00	1,600 00	33 Saunders Av., Phila.	
Charles G. Fisher, D. D.	Pub. Ch. Periodicals																907 Arch St., Phila., Pa.	
Jos. B. Shumaker, D. D.	St. Luke's, Trappe, 1	1	210	45	2	5	8	205	10		5	1	21	116	233 00	1,000 00	Tiffin, Ohio.	
James Crawford, D. D.	Christ Church	1	211	71	11	2	5	4	183	5	11		135	2	3,613 00	4,735 00	Philadelpia, Pa.	
Josiah D. Petrich	Union C., Whitemarsh	1	185		7	3	9	2	167	3	3	1	170		260 00	850 00	Flourtown, Pa.	
David P. Le Fevre	St. Luke's, N. Wales	1	180		9	4	7	5	154	2	2	1	227		75 00	1,900 00	Flourtown, Pa.	
John H. Sechler	Eastern Shore of Md			45	4	1	12	6	91		1	1	37		32 00	360 00	Ridgeley, Md.	
Henry T. Spangler	First Church, Phila	1	220		5	5	11	15	196	9	4	1	27	327	461 00	5,072 00	1243 15th St., Phila., Pa.	
Uriah Weidner	Fin. Agt., Ursinus Col	1	334	97	14	7	9	4	238	1	7	1	21	152	200 00	750 00	Collegeville, Pa.	
James I. Good, D. D.	Pleasantville	1	696	185	33	13	50	71	640	11	10	1	68	950	690 00	8,923 00	Mont. Square, Pa.	
Samuel R. Bridenbaugh	Heidelberg	1	335	160	13	7	17	24	320	9	4	1	28	800	945 00	2,550 00	1509 19th St., Phila., Pa.	
Edward G. Wetach	Ascension	2	269	38	2	10	6	3	224		2	2	33	253	1,420 00	1,400 00	Norristown, Pa.	
Leighton G. Kremer	St. Matthew's	2	275	78	8	6	12	9	241	1	2	2	45	280	1,588 00	2,384 00	Anselma, Pa.	
Jerome B. Henry	E. Vincent & Sp. City	1	115	32	13	11	20	16	125	2	2	1	213		117 00	1,110 00	Spring City, Pa.	
Francis C. Yost	Trinity, Norristown	2	125	35	4	4	11	6	106		2	1	150		105 00	3,280 00	Norristown, Pa.	
Solomon C. Snyder	Pike's & Phenixville	1	190	34	6	9	23	34	161	4	7	2	24	273	85 00	2,032 00	Phenixville, Pa.	
John A. Mertz	Grace	2	224	90	6	8	13	10	169	7	5	6	227		106 00	5,840 00	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Edwin C. Hiltzman	St. Vincent & Linfield	1	190	34	6	8	13	10	169	7	5	6	227		106 00	5,840 00	Linfield, Pa.	
Abram D. Wolfinger, 2	As. pas. of Heidelberg	3	417	40	9	41	52	14	369	6	6	3	47	313	600 00	1,357 00	1509 19th St., Phila., Pa.	
Charles E. Wehler	Brownback's	1	234		14	1	5	2	198	4	7	1	20	78	214 00	1,000 00	Thornville, Ohio.	
Vacant	Boehn's	1	65	35					36	2			9	60		513 00	Blue Bell, Pa.	
Wilson Delaney	St. John's, Del	1	80		8	1	6	16	63		2	1	16	208		623 00	Wyoming, Del.	
James R. Lewis	Bethel																Philadelphia, Pa.	
		28	5288	1089	189	158	312	286	4638	96	45	82	29	425	5363	11	\$14,444 00	\$54,957 00
Total, 28.																		

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Thomas J. Hacker	Shamokin	1 675	500	121	5	38	10	562	10	2	3	8	570	1	1	1	\$1,490 00	\$1,490 00	Shamokin, Pa.
Nathan W. Seichter	Ringtown	1 190	130	35	10	15	10	216	2	1	1	21	50	1	1	1	350 00	350 00	Ringtown, Pa.
Samuel Kuhn	Berrysburg	5 294	172	18	1	15	25	216	7	1	1	10	233	1	1	1	83 00	83 00	Elizabethville, Pa.
John Calvin Leinbach	Sunbury	1 347	152	13	1	5	25	239	7	1	1	10	233	1	1	1	235 00	235 00	Sunbury, Pa.
John C. Glantz	Deep Creek	6 251	240	31	13	13	8	253	7	1	1	14	256	1	1	1	63 00	63 00	Hegins, Pa.
Joshua H. Derr	Catawissa	1 106	70	6	3	8	93	7	1	1	1	15	90	1	1	1	70 00	70 00	Catawissa, Pa.
Tilghman Derr	Linc Mountain	5 358	232	55	27	1	272	5	1	1	1	8	160	1	1	1	32 00	32 00	Greenbrier, Pa.
Charles H. Mutschler	Millersburg	3 405	200	17	3	12	5	315	5	1	1	8	260	1	1	1	175 00	175 00	Millersburg, Pa.
A. R. Hottenstien, sup	Augusta	4 325	216	30	15	1	265	7	1	1	1	11	160	1	1	1	96 00	96 00	Sunbury, Pa.
Henry H. Sundoe	Mt. Carmel	3 230	90	32	8	33	176	48	1	1	1	3	45	1	1	1	94 00	94 00	Mt. Carmel, Pa.
Tilghman Derr, sup	David's congregation	1 67	40	13	11	1	48	30	1	1	1	2	30	1	1	1	23 00	23 00	
George B. Dechant, sup	Fetterhoff's	1 55	25	2	2	1	30	48	1	1	1	2	100	1	1	1	15 00	15 00	
George B. Dechant, sup	Salem	1 30	25	1	2	1	30	48	1	1	1	2	100	1	1	1	15 00	15 00	
Total, 14.		49 5057	3080	552	6	301	120	4108	48	16	176	48	3167	2	2	2	\$2,438 00	\$16,073 00	
W. Susqueh. Classis.																			
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf	Supt. Pub. Inst	3 317	180	33	1	18	322	3	1	1	1	9	165	1	1	1	\$132 00	\$615 00	Spring Mills, Pa.
William W. Clouser	White Deer	6 410	390	34	11	11	102	7	1	1	1	12	360	1	1	1	307 00	1,000 00	White Deer Mills, Pa.
William A. Haas	Selinsgrove	5 620	380	23	33	3	173	2	1	1	1	12	175	1	1	1	203 00	885 00	Selinsgrove, Pa.
William M. Landis	Beaver Springs	1 270	85	9	13	25	250	8	1	1	1	5	245	1	1	1	1,510 00	1,100 00	Beaver Springs, Pa.
David O. Shoemaker	Lewisburg	6 280	200	30	10	3	270	12	1	1	1	10	280	1	1	1	280 00	1,240 00	Lewisburg, Pa.
George W. Gerhard	Nittany Valley	2 225	100	20	3	10	9	151	2	1	1	7	225	1	1	1	123 00	1,061 00	Walker, Pa.
William E. Hoy	Lock Haven	3 430	180	14	1	12	6	390	9	1	1	16	275	1	1	1	350 00	1,446 00	Lock Haven, Pa.
Lewis D. Steckel	Foreign Missionary	4 320	261	14	1	12	3	253	10	1	1	3	220	1	1	1	253 00	3,121 00	Sendai, Japan
Albert A. Black	Mifflinburg	1 168	133	4	4	18	125	4	1	1	1	5	150	1	1	1	192 00	815 00	Mifflinburg, Pa.
Lewis Robb	Boalsburg	4 290	143	4	4	18	125	4	1	1	1	5	240	1	1	1	542 00	783 00	Pellefonte, Pa.
Samuel H. Eisenberg	St. John's	5 302	263	16	8	26	246	26	1	1	1	14	273	1	1	1	206 00	1,501 00	Williamsport, Pa.
George E. Addams	Center Hall	6 250	150	34	11	32	4	236	1	1	1	5	120	1	1	1	40 00	600 00	Center Hall, Pa.
Vacant	Aaronsburg	2 253	115	6	3	25	206	5	1	1	1	3	250	1	1	1	561 00	2,088 00	Aaronsburg, Pa.
Miles O. Noll	Liverpool	5 328	237	22	23	4	291	8	1	1	1	14	348	3	3	3	425 00	725 00	Chapman, Pa.
James R. Brown	Bellefonte	5 327	245	15	1	7	4	235	11	1	1	9	237	1	1	1	262 00	770 00	Bellefonte, Pa.
Vacant	Rebersburg																		Rebersburg, Pa.
John Dotterer	New Berlin																		New Berlin, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Without charge																		Rebersburg, Pa.
John F. DeLong	Without charge																		Reading, Pa.
Total, 13.		58 4800	2879	274	17	200	130	4132	95	21	6	118	3563	10	10	10	\$5,377 00	\$17,780 00	

Goshenhopps, Classis.															
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	981	650	43	28	892	3	28	2	28	2	400	\$829.00	\$2,500.00	East Greenville, Pa.
Trinity, Portstown	1	740	640	33	18	650	8	25	25	1	720	676.00	2,300.00	Portstown, Pa.	
Angustus L. Dechant	4	800	300	55	20	726	18	26	26	4	800	289.00	1,500.00	Pennsburg, Pa.	
Simon M. K. Huber	3	720	275	20	6	635	21	32	32	3	430	303.00	1,100.00	Skippackville, Pa.	
Eli Keller, D. D.	3	665	460	73	92	6	720	4	23	4	430	401.00	1,625.00	Zionsville, Pa.	
Isaac S. Stahl	1	695	385	77	34	580	1	21	4	215	200	371.00	1,021.00	Oley, Pa.	
Cosmos H. Herbst	2	550	400	55	25	425	3	6	20	2	400	205.00	2,450.00	Portstown, Pa.	
Charles S. Wiand	2	568	330	22	3	407	8	20	9	1	200	114.00	1,840.00	Portstown, Pa.	
Joseph E. Freeman	2	320	130	24	7	279	5	9	1	161	36.00	847.00	Boyetown, Pa.		
Lawrence D. Leberman	1	416	100	32	1	300	6	1	15	2	100	20.00	1,500.00	Reading, Pa.	
John H. Leibach, sup.	1	275	125	15	4	263	12	4	3	125	41.00	1,075.00	Philadelphia, Pa.		
Robert C. Weaver, sup.	1	89	59	7	3	75	1	2	1	75	15.00	2,500.00	Reading, Pa.		
Jos. E. Freeman, sup.	1	193	110	6	3	149	4	1	1	35	30.00	365.00	Coopersburg, Pa.		
Eli Keller, D. D., sup.	1	100	110	12	3	130	4	3	1	90	75.00	345.00	Boyetown, Pa.		
Christ's (Huber's).....	1	100	110	12	3	130	4	3	1	90	75.00	345.00	Zionsville, Pa.		
Total, 12.	29	7607	4509	330	457	96	6484	101	18	227	35	1391	\$3,608.00	\$22,527.00	
Tolickon Classis.															
David Rothrock	1	402	162	19	24	352	3	3	9	3	134	\$223.00	\$ 547.00	Kintnersville, Pa.	
Simon K. Gross	2	316	201	16	24	6	248	2	1	17	47	22.00	514.00	Schlichter's, Pa.	
Amandus F. Ziegler	2	330	188	25	14	10	200	7	8	3	130	65.00	800.00	Bingen, Pa.	
Levi C. Shelp	1	138	86	3	1	125	1	21	3	115	300	70.00	1,000.00	Doylestown, Pa.	
Jacob Kehm	2	800	450	30	1	12	1	10	14	3	385	381.00	1,874.00	Sellersville, Pa.	
Nathaniel Z. Snyder	3	600	315	37	4	23	321	5	10	14	385	186.00	930.00	S. Bethlehem, Pa.	
Franklin J. Mohr	3	648	300	30	4	22	22	370	6	24	425	351.00	1,647.00	Quakertown, Pa.	
James G. Dengler	4	539	170	27	15	31	5	302	3	17	4	581.00	1,515.00	Sellersville, Pa.	
Robt. C. Weaver	3	692	315	36	5	80	10	630	4	15	12	175.00	970.00	Coopersburg, Pa.	
A. B. Koplin, D. D.	4	650	335	26	1	11	10	500	4	12	6	719.00	1,580.00	Hellertown, Pa.	
Henry F. Seiple	2	306	201	26	9	19	5	386	4	10	2	780.00	1,580.00	Lansdale, Pa.	
Benj. B. Ferer	1	263	156	6	6	11	225	8	6	1	225	278.00	1,630.00	Riegelsville, Pa.	
Jacob J. Rothrock	1	184	81	5	7	11	9	164	3	1	268	129.00	1,500.00	Lansdale, Pa.	
Milton H. Mill	1	220	175	7	5	54	21	380	1	16	1	185	135.00	910.00	Easton, Pa.
Jacob G. Dubbs	2	475	225	25	5	18	335	4	14	1	220	135.00	910.00	Coopersburg, Pa.	
Samuel H. Phillips	2	415	200	22	5	18	335	4	13	2	275	1,373.00	3,925.00	Durham, Pa.	
Titus C. Strock	3	370	180	10	1	4	242	1	4	3	175	59.00	680.00	Erwinna, Pa.	
Total, 17.	37	8278	4044	439	57	382	244	6225	72	54	212	54	\$5,717.00	\$21,262.00	
Lehigh Classis.															
Wm. A. Helffrich, D. D.	5	1200	800	83	5	143	1136	40	3	61	10	400	\$569.00	\$4,000.00	Fogelsville, Pa.
Alfred J. Herman	6	620	230	60	1	43	570	1	20	5	550	188.00	2,000.00	Maxatavny, Pa.	
Wm. R. Hordorf, D. D.	4	986	470	61	1	98	9	400	2	30	9	453.00	1,400.00	Allentown, Pa.	
Abm. Bartholomew	4	625	350	68	53	53	503	4	27	11	330	186.00	1,200.00	Lehighton, Pa.	

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														Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Edward J. Fogel	Jordan	4	900	600	56	42	703	5	27	8	1	376	3	\$ 417 00	\$2,300 00	Fogelsville, Pa.
Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's	1	324	282	16	21	8	406	10	1	1	1065	1	857 00	4,370 00	Allentown, Pa.
Alfred J. G. Dubbs, D. D.	Salem's	1	1000	500	117	89	846	6	82	1	1	1065	1	1,106 00	3,750 00	Allentown, Pa.
Benjamin Weiss.	Lehighville	4	550	300	39	22	435	4	163	2	8	240	2	140 00	2,500 00	Lehighville, Pa.
Jared Fritzinger	St. Mark's	1	150	90	13	19	85	5	5	1	1	90	1	34 00	600 00	Allentown, Pa.
Thomas N. Reber	Macungie	3	635	350	56	29	371	5	26	7	1	375	1	441 00	1,275 00	Allentown, Pa.
N. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	Principal Normal Sch.	4	800	600	96	44	693	1	37	5	1	600	3	215 00	1,200 00	Kutztown, Pa.
James N. Bachman	Jacksonville	1	275	150	20	21	235	5	7	2	1	125	1	83 00	1,500 00	Fogelsville, Pa.
Nevin W. Helfrich	St. John's (Kutztown)	1	850	530	23	21	14	675	47	26	1	560	3	675 00	4,200 00	Allentown, Pa.
John H. Leimbach	Zion's (Allentown)	1	165	146	35	24	16	132	36	6	1	250	1	85 00	1,500 00	Allentown, Pa.
Moses H. Diefenderfer	Christ's	1	135	80	23	6	1	75	4	1	1	70	1	62 00	500 00	Allentown, Pa.
Wm. M. Kelly, Ph.D.	President Fem. Coll.	1	400	210	32	25	57	300	10	9	1	276	2	100 00	1,625 00	Summit Hill, Pa.
Alfred P. Horn	Summit Hill	1	135	80	23	6	1	75	4	1	1	70	1	62 00	500 00	Summit Hill, Pa.
Nert F. Peters	Slatington	1	400	210	32	25	57	300	10	9	1	276	2	100 00	1,625 00	Slatington, Pa.
Julius C. J. Kurtz	Without charge	1	400	210	32	25	57	300	10	9	1	276	2	100 00	1,625 00	Shamokin, Pa.
Geo. W. Stibitz	Lehigh	1	414	325	22	43	19	295	3	1	1	416	1	154 00	1,070 00	Collegeville, Pa.
J. Alvin Reber	Lehigh	1	414	325	22	43	19	295	3	1	1	416	1	154 00	1,070 00	Lehigh, Pa.
Henry D. Kurtz	Kutztown & Topleon	2	396	130	10	30	5	235	5	3	2	195	1	130 00	1,095 00	Allentown, Pa.
Frederick B. Hahn	St. Peter's cong.	1	120	65	4	27	113	3	5	2	1	65	1	27 00	240 00	Kutztown, Pa.
A. Bartholomew, sup.	Blandon	1	130	60	4	8	100	5	4	1	1	60	1	15 00	250 00	Lehighville, Pa.
Benj. Weiss, sup.	Emaus	1	130	60	4	8	100	5	4	1	1	60	1	15 00	250 00	Lehighville, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver, sup.	Ass't Dr. S. G. Wagner	1	630	380	130	30	540	10	35	6	1	400	1	100 00	1,800 00	Coopersburg, Pa.
C. Ernest Wagner	Fleetwood	4	630	380	130	30	540	10	35	6	1	400	1	100 00	1,800 00	Allentown, Pa.
Morris H. Brensinger	Fleetwood	4	630	380	130	30	540	10	35	6	1	400	1	100 00	1,800 00	Fleetwood, Pa.
Total, 26.		50	11499	6548	968	798	8348	124	265	456	84	7193	26	\$6,894 00	\$37,775 00	
Schuylkill Classis.		5	1610	700	197	44	1500	5	70	9	1	700	1	\$ 648 00	\$1,300 00	Reading, Pa.
Aaron S. Leimbach, D. D.	2d Church, Reading	1	650	310	22	37	510	8	26	7	2	65	2	4,910 00	2,900 00	Reading, Pa.
Chas. F. McCauley, D. D.	St. Paul's Mem., Rdg	1	725	300	28	27	17	580	5	14	3	90	2	4,161 00	2,900 00	Reading, Pa.
Benj. Bauman, D. D.	St. Paul's, Mahanoy C	1	705	525	76	19	600	5	40	17	1	45	2	307 00	1,800 00	Mahanoy City, Pa.
Henry A. Keyser	Bethany	3	365	235	55	4	33	258	15	10	3	30	1	38 00	500 00	Orwigsburg, Pa.
Henry Leisse	1st Church, Reading	1	1250	600	81	63	17	960	15	36	3	91	1	1,186 00	7,726 00	Reading, Pa.
Henry Mosser	St. John's, Reading	1	525	400	39	30	15	380	16	15	1	44	1	220 00	3,000 00	Reading, Pa.
John W. Steilmetz		1	525	400	39	30	15	380	16	15	1	44	1	220 00	3,000 00	Reading, Pa.

Allen R. Bartholomew.	1	345	200	30	1	29	32	268	6	4	8	1	83	250	1	\$292 00	\$1,900 00	Pottsville, Pa.	
John J. Fisher	1	240	150	24	..	16	15	194	2	..	4	1	20	175	1	125 00	800 00	Tamaqua, Pa.	
John J. Fisher, sup.	1	150	95	16	..	12	..	140	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	250 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
John J. Fisher, sup.	1	41	30	9	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10 00	110 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
Willoughby Donat	3	766	458	62	3	13	7	550	4	5	24	6	30	298	..	800 00	1,682 00	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	
Calvin S. Gerhard	1	321	260	21	3	28	39	274	14	15	3	1	41	575	2	322 00	1,276 00	Reading, Pa.	
St. Stephen's, Read'g	1	304	200	26	1	18	3	254	7	29	6	1	40	230	..	362 00	1,614 00	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	
St. John's, Sch. Hav.	1	330	270	22	..	15	2	335	1	4	..	..	260	..	..	60 00	1,550 00	Shenandoah, Pa.
Trinity, Shenandoah.	1	350	270	22	..	15	2	335	1	4	14	3	290	..	..	139 00	1,245 00	Hamburg, Pa.
Hamburg	3	485	265	35	1	27	5	420	5	..	11	1	21	150	..	45 00	1,009 00	Tamaqua, Pa.	
St. John's, Tamaqua.	1	175	100	21	..	..	..	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Reading, Pa.
Asst. to C. F. McCauley.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1st Church, Pottsville.	2	334	220	45	..	21	18	230	..	10	2	..	300	..	..	43 00	1,300 00	Pottsville, Pa.
Lewisstown	1	65	30	2	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	11 00	180 00	Pottsville, Pa.
Pinegrove	4	501	342	54	3	69	15	434	2	..	14	4	65	449	..	120 00	1,292 00	Pinegrove, Pa.	
Orwigsburg	2	140	130	1	..	..	..	136	..	..	2	2	31	280	..	29 00	820 00	Orwigsburg, Pa.
George B. Walbert	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tamaqua, Pa.
Hiram A. Frantz	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Tamaqua, Pa.
St. Mark's	2	219	144	26	3	12	1	164	..	1	..	3	208	..	..	24 00	..	Tamaqua, Pa.
Calvin E. Bartholomew.	2	360	200	16	1	20	..	308	5	..	12	3	..	175	..	218 00	700 00	Cressona, Pa.	
Leesport	2	360	200	16	1	20	..	308	5	..	12	3	..	175	..	218 00	700 00	Reading, Pa.	
Without charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Leesport, Pa.
Total, 24.	40	10726	6164	908	35	537	234	8555	99	139	286	51	646	8178	12	\$14,317 00	\$37,965 00		
Wyoming Classis.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alfred Houtz	4	318	130	9	3	14	4	301	1	1	3	4	..	305	..	\$186 00	965 00	Orangeville, Pa.	
Franklin K. Levan	1	426	330	46	2	23	19	800	2	25	9	1	..	200	..	70 00	1,600 00	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	
Sebastian C. Meckel	1	115	100	36	3	9	2	106	5	1	2	1	..	75	..	67 00	400 00	Plymouth, Pa.	
Stephen Sidney Kohler	4	366	194	34	..	16	3	346	5	..	16	4	360	1	..	130 00	4,000 00	Wapwallopen, Pa.	
A. M. Masonheimer	2	340	250	74	1	35	15	280	3	2	36	1	..	260	..	100 00	1,100 00	Weatherly, Pa.	
David W. Ebert	1	345	115	8	1	11	14	271	13	3	7	1	301	..	..	2,949 00	2,949 00	Milton, Pa.
John A. Peters, D. D.	3	430	174	28	11	34	15	390	11	10	8	3	..	380	..	492 00	2,068 00	Danville, Pa.	
Daniel E. Schoedler	3	460	309	20	1	15	5	354	13	1	7	3	..	275	..	437 00	1,175 00	Turbotville, Pa.	
George S. Sorber	2	326	98	9	2	9	17	280	4	4	3	2	..	350	1	410 00	1,550 00	Watsonstown, Pa.	
Jacob B. Kerschner	4	702	455	57	2	64	9	598	7	13	6	1	..	356	1	299 00	1,425 00	Conyngham, Pa.	
Edward D. Miller	1	219	130	24	..	14	6	135	..	13	6	1	..	190	..	86 00	1,406 00	Freeland, Pa.	
William T. Auman	1	199	115	8	1	8	2	131	1	8	5	1	..	130	..	165 00	665 00	Bloomsburg, Pa.	
George W. Kerschner	1	83	25	2	1	4	1	59	3	8	1	..	60	..	..	80 00	700 00	Payette, N. Y.
Aaron Noll	1	138	112	16	..	23	45	120	1	7	3	..	..	110	..	68 00	1,583 00	Hazleton, Pa.
John C. Glantz	1	160	125	10	..	1	62	126	1	..	..	..	..	170	..	43 00	250 00	Nanticoke, Pa.
William G. Engle	2	246	125	1	..	10	2	210	..	..	3	2	..	60	1	47 00	700 00	White Hall, Pa.
Without pastor	3	170	115	19	803 00	..	Overton, Pa.
Alfred Houtz, sup.	1	33	20	27	2	28 00	60 00	Orangeville, Pa.	
Total 18.	36	5076	2982	405	28	290	221	4034	70	75	127	32	3551	5	..	\$2,811 00	\$23,669 00		

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
II. SYNOD OF OHIO.																		
Miami Classis.																		
William A. Hale, D. D.	First Church, Dayton	1	631		9	12	29	38	545	2		4	1	30	300		\$1,902 00	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey	Xenia	1	210		3	6	21	5	175	4			1	21	200		300 00	Xenia, O.
Henry M. Herman, D. D.	Miamisburg	1	355	100	11	5	20	17	300	16		3	4	22	315		232 89	Miamisburg, O.
Harvey L. Hart	West Alexandria	3	311	50	4	2	4	5	300	5	1	50	9	3	57	397	107 00	West Alexandria, O.
	Cesar Creek	3	122	90					110								11 50	
Reuben F. Shultz	Fairfield	3	391	38	4	8	12	14	350	8		22	5	3	44	305	201 07	Fairfield, O.
Daniel R. Taylor	Union	2	544	98	2	101	130	28	480	7		19	10	5	72	485	159 00	North Hampton, O.
Louis B. C. Lehr	Highland	2	154	47													690 00	Hillsborough, O.
George Z. Meehling	Hamilton	1	100	30	6	9	20		84	5		11	2	1	18	200	70 45	Hamilton, O.
Richard B. Reichard	Trinity	3	187	50	4	6	4	6	130	3		3	1	3	32	165	111 00	Swander's Crossing, O.
Alpheus E. Barchly	Farmersville	2	267	90	20	9	21	4	265	10		3	4	2	25	275	120 00	Farmersville, O.
Alpheus E. Barchly, sup.	Winchester	1	23	6	1				21	2		2	1	1	6	60	5 00	Farmersville, O.
John A. Kettow	Tremont City	3	205	110		3	7	1	160			1	3	3	50	350	50 00	Tremont City, O.
B. Frank Davis	Springboro	1	104	48				4	89	14			1	1	14	100	100 31	Springboro, O.
William H. Tussing	Germanatown	2	235	120	9	8	14	2	200	1		4	2	37	200		155 00	Germanatown, O.
	Pikeville	2	82	23	13	4	2	2	70	3			1	2	25	120	4 83	Greenville, O.
	Valley	3	36	14	4	2	2		36				2	1	9	60	6 00	Greenville, O.
John E. Dingledine	New Madison	3	231	49	5	3	5	5	163	7	5	48	7	3	37	237	111 00	Dayton, O.
James H. Steele	Beaver Creek	4	250	40	4	2	4	2	200	9		16	5	4	33	225	63 80	Atcanum, O.
John Stuck	Pittsburgh	3	259	40	3	15	7	11	260	9				2	29	200	392 76	Atcanum, O.
Levi Rike, sup	Zion's, (Elk Creek)	3	211	41	6			1	90	1				3	37		14 26	Boundary City, Ind.
William E. Ludwick	Greenville	1	26	5				2	24					1	58		18 00	Heno, Butler Co., O.
	Trinity, Dayton	3	125	62				3	1	93			4	3	28	190	46 00	Greenville, O.
Michael Loucks, sup	West Baltimore	1	200	75	15	7	10	29	176	2			2	1	43	352	194 65	Dayton, O.
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Without Charge	1	32	11	1	1	1	2	32	5			1				20 53	Dayton, O.
Edward Herbruck, Ph.D.	Ed. Christian World																	Miamisburg, O.
Michael Loucks	Without Charge																	Dayton, O.
Adam Hawker	Ed. Christian World																	Dayton, O.
Jacob V. Lerch	Chaptl. N. Mil. Home																	Dayton, O.
Raymond R. Lackey	Bethel																	Nat. Mil. Home, O.
																		Greenville, O.
Total, 27.		54	5321	1197	120	198	318	181	4553	106	3179	75	49	695	5141	5	\$4,397 05	\$22,351 52

Lancaster Classis.

George H. Leonard	2	500	74	13	4	12	6	400	5	5	5	2	47	320	1	\$285 00	\$ 754 00	Basil, O.
John Vogt, D. D.	1	251	119	6	4	11	3	231	2	1	11	2	1	21	177	1	2,509 00	Delaware, O.
John A. Selz	3	217	99	21	2	2	1	148	1	19	1	4	1	35	160	2	550 00	Stoutsville, O.
Abram D. Wolfinger	3	216	75	4	2	6	8	204	14	6	1	2	3	36	203	2	1,275 00	Thornville, O.
Louis B. C. LaBr	1	234	75	2	3	7	6	189	3	6	1	1	3	26	292	1	600 00	Canal Winchester, O.
G. Wm. H. Smith	2	207	169	24	21	23	39	280	19	34	4	2	2	24	250	1	855 00	Canal Winchester, O.
E. Calvin Rust	3	219	75	9	...	1	1	190	3	...	5	3	2	35	191	...	1,131 00	Lancaster, O.
Samuel L. Runkel	2	115	45	7	...	10	...	80	...	...	...	1	1	29	120	...	90 00	Somerset, O.
James Hefley, Sup	3	130	60	7	...	11	...	120	...	...	...	1	1	10	40	...	400 00	Hallsville, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose	4	274	150	10	4	11	...	225	1	...	...	4	4	30	150	...	300 00	Canal Winchester, O.
John H. Albright	3	113	...	4	1	1	100	...	...	25	...	1	3	20	120	1	900 00	Baltimore, Ohio.
James Hefley, sup	...	...	...	2	2	2	4	30	...	...	...	1	1	7	35	...	400 00	Bremen, Ohio.
Peter D. Schory	1	30	25	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	125 00	Canal Winchester, O.
Solomon W. Seeman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lancaster, Ohio.
Mission, Col	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Columbus, Ohio.
Total 10.	28	2506	966	102	43	89	71	2197	48	105	30	23	320	2058	8	\$1,921 00	\$9,289 00	

Tuscarawas Classis.

Tuscarawas Classic.																			
Rufus C. Zartman.	1	691	200	22	28	62	39	425	12	5	6	1	45	660		\$550 00	\$ 803 00	Akron, Ohio.	
Emil P. Herbruck	1	445	102	42	10	39	49	410	6	12	4	1	39	466		390 00	1,000 00	Canton, Ohio.	
Sebastian C. Goss, D. D	1	236	50	3	3	2	5	225	16	7	3	1	26	250		171 00	2,025 00	Wadsworth, Ohio.	
Edward M. Beck	1	162	40	2	...	...	...	125	10	...	...	5	1	23	143		100 00	Wooster, Ohio.
Frederick Mayer	1	172	41	8	13	17	18	145	7	12	4	1	14	115		89 00	1,953 00	Apple Creek, Ohio.	
John C. Bretz	1	108	67	18	8	8	7	204	2	4	2	1	20	127		72 00	566 00	Canal Fulton, Ohio.	
John C. Schaaf	4	346	...	40	28	63	7	290	10	4	5	53	312		281 00	1,371 00	Nimishilla, Ohio.
Jacob P. Stahl	4	232	...	...	...	...	11	200	3	80	2	4	49	303	3	150 00	600 00	Massillon, Ohio.
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	2	208	51	8	3	20	11	151	8	24	3	2	22	147	1	269 00	824 00	Marshallville, Ohio.	
Jonathan A. Novinger	3	178	75	3	13	16	9	173	...	...	...	7	3	35	222	108 00	1,450 00	Shelby, Ohio.
John A. Danner	8	225	75	23	9	23	5	195	6	...	...	8	3	31	326	90 00	905 00	Lake, Ohio.
Nathan W. Bloom.	2	182	85	6	5	16	7	134	6	15	4	2	31	260		101 00	2,400 00	Loyal Oak, Ohio.	
George E. Meiger	3	226	30	6	27	81	12	205	...	...	...	8	3	30	205	209 00	603 00	Reedsburg, Ohio.
George A. House	4	226	82	4	...	...	4	184	3	15	4	4	41	194	1	125 00	403 00	West Salem, Ohio.
George P. Gross	4	220	140	7	2	3	15	150	3	...	...	2	4	54	370	150 00	775 00	Navarre, Ohio.
Henry L. Beam	2	100	25	2	7	18	3	84	1	...	...	5	2	13	105	60 00	580 00	Canaan, Ohio.
Vacant	3	144	...	...	...	...	...	110	1	7	1	2	30	137		45 00	393 00	Dakota, Ill.
John C. Klar	2	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lake, Ohio.
Wilson R. Stearly	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Navarre, Ohio.
Charles E. Miller	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cleveland, Ohio.
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dayton, Ohio.
Total 19.	42	4170	1148	208	157	322	201	3310	94	135	67	39	556	4342	5	\$2,960 00	\$17,501 00		

*Dismissed to Miami Classis.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dis- missed.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Tiffin Classis.																			Tiffin, Ohio.
Reuben Good	Prof. Heid. College	1	279	102	5	5	3	9	255	2	7	8	1	23	208	1	\$112 00	\$2,300 00	"
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Heid. Theo. S.	1	202	75	9	5	10	10	185	4	7	1	1	24	198	3	154 00	1,725 00	"
David Van Horne, D. D.	Prof. in Heid. Theo. S.	1	147	65	9	5	13	4	131	1	1	4	2	24	177	1	102 00	740 00	"
Geo. W. Willard, D. D.	Pres. of Heid. College	1	146	69	7	1	6	8	126	5	8	2	3	26	207		146 00	910 00	"
John Kost, L.L. D.	Chanc. Heid. Univ'y	1	140	85	12	6	16	10	109	4	8	5	2	22	140		61 00	300 00	"
Chas. O. Knepper	Lie. and Prof. Heid. C.	1	140	50	2	3	3	5	83	4	8	2	2	15	160		45 00	620 00	"
Edwin R. Willard	Prof. Heid. Col. & Sem	1	98	20	1	2	10	18	90	1	1	2	1	12	190		100 00	700 00	"
Alvin K. Willard	Prof. in Heid. College	1	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113 Perry St., Tiffin, O.
L. H. Kefauver, D. D.	First Reformed, Tiffin.	1	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fostoria, Ohio.
H. H. W. Hrbshman, D. D	Grace, Tiffin	1	147	65	9	5	13	4	131	1	1	4	2	24	177	1	102 00	740 00	Ada, Ohio.
John D. Neff	Fostoria	1	146	69	7	1	6	8	126	5	8	2	3	26	207		146 00	910 00	Payne, Ohio.
Isaac A. Sites	Ada	1	140	85	12	6	16	10	109	4	8	5	2	22	140		61 00	300 00	Lindsey, Ohio.
Joseph W. Barber	Paulding Mission	1	140	50	2	3	3	5	83	4	8	2	2	15	160		45 00	620 00	Bloomville, Ohio.
Wm. A. Miller	Lindsey	1	98	20	1	2	10	18	90	1	1	2	1	12	190		100 00	700 00	"
David A. Parks	Bloomville	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
David A. Parks, sup.	Venice	1	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lima, Ohio.
David A. Parks, sup.	St. Jacob's congregat'n	1	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bellevue, Ohio.
Noah A. Ernst	Lima	1	201	66	8	4	9	8	182	7	7	3	2	14	175		100 00	975 00	Cleveland, Ohio.
George H. Souder	Bellevue	1	201	66	8	4	9	8	182	7	7	3	2	14	175		100 00	975 00	"
Wilson R. Stearly ⁶⁶	Grace Reformed, Clv'd	1	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bascom, Ohio.
Albert H. Zechiel	Bascom	1	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Bascom, Ohio.
John I. Swander, D. D	Fremont	1	92	48	4	4	3	89	5	2	3	1	9	60		122 00	385 00	...	Fremont, Ohio.
Joshua J. Excell	Liberty Center	1	121	46	7	...	9	2	80	2	2	3	1	25	150		55 00	616 00	Liberty Center, Ohio.
Vacant	Helena	1	102	48	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Helena, Ohio.
Israel Rothenberger	Fort Seneca	1	102	48	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fort Seneca, Ohio.
Frederick H. Keller	Zion's	1	110	48	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fireside, Ohio.
Charles W. Good	Without charge	1	260	140	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Tiffin, Ohio.
Augustus Konezka	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fostoria, Ohio.
Martin Mueller	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Fostoria, Ohio.
James T. Hale	Without charge	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Cedarville, Ohio.
Total, 23.		37	2340	904	81	82	104	108	1784	40	31	47	29	317	2319	5	\$1,200 00	\$11,090 00	

Eastern Ohio Classis.
 John J. Lieberman, D.D.
 John H. Bomberger
 John J. M. Gruber
 John M. Kendig
 Reuben Keller
 Isaiah S. Hahn
 Benjamin H. Roth
 Jacob B. Zumpe
 Lewis M. Kerschner
 Albert Gonsar
 William H. Shults
 Geo. W. Hendung
 Michael A. Miller
 Francis A. Edmonds

Total, 14.

St. Joseph Classis.

John M. Kessler
 William H. Xanders
 Solomon A. Alt
 Freeman Ware
 Freeman Ware, sup
 William A. From
 William H. Mawherter
 Henry S. Bailey

Henry S. Gekeler
 Allen K. Zartman
 Allen K. Zartman, sup
 Samuel Shaw

Lewis B. Clayton
 Daniel Kroh
 Elias Spangler
 Peter J. Spangler
 Theodore J. Bachner
 John V. Potts
 Jonathan C. Beade
 John H. Albright

Total, 18.

Eastern Ohio Classis.															Louisville	2	359	45	18	11	36	8	350	5	14	2	32	350	\$171 00	\$1,000 00	Louisville, O.						
John J. Leberman, D. D.															Columbiana	1	254	5	19	32	16	220	4	2	2	1	19	265	322 00	1,420 00	Columbiana, O.						
John H. Bomberger															New Lisbon	2	207	115	9	10	26	4	173	6	3	6	25	200	220 00	725 00	New Lisbon, O.						
John M. M. Gruber															Canfield	4	338	67	3	2	2	285	6	3	7	3	31	181	126 00	724 00	Canfield, O.						
John M. Kendig															New Jefferson	1	172	3	5	15	20	7	143	1	11	4	2	26	160	32 00	514 00	Germano, O.					
Reuben Keller															Carrollton	2	327	203	3	15	20	7	300	16	26	17	2	34	280	72 00	1,050 00	Carrollton, O.					
Benjamin H. Roth															Springfield	2	250	68	6	2	2	222	4	8	3	3	26	234	140 00	620 00	Petersburg, O.						
Isaiah S. Hahn															Strasburg	4	237	149	7	6	35	7	194	3	3	3	20	232	17 00	1,065 00	Alliance, O.						
Jacob B. Zumpe															Mt. Olivet	2	322	210	3	2	38	14	206	3	6	2	22	260	58 00	1,050 00	North Lima, O.						
Lewis M. Kerschner															Robertsville	3	403	61	6	5	18	21	365	5	41	1	3	24	325	85 00	760 00	Robertsville, O.					
Albert Gonsler															Warren	3	145	43	..	3	11	1	75	..	..	..	15	30	48 00	81 00	Leavittsburg, O.			
Geo. W. Henning															Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Osnaburg, O.
Wm. H. Shults															"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Carrollton, O.
G. W. Henning															"	Harmony, Pa.					
Michael A. Miller																																					
Francis A. Edmonds																																					
Total, 14.																27	3014	961	65	76	229	81	2533	39	96	59	23	274	2537	\$1,291 00	\$9,009 00						
St. Joseph Classis.															Mulberry	5	415	350	32	6	32	13	412	4	22	13	4	67	502	\$261 00	\$1,152 00	Mulberry, Ind.					
John M. Kessler															Bluffton	3	226	140	12	4	24	12	185	3	2	3	30	220	135 00	2,535 00	Bluffton, Mich.						
William H. A. Wanders															Wakeshma	4	213	23	3	13	5	2	149	4	4	1	4	42	254	79 00	565 00	Fulton, Mich.					
Solomon A. Alt															Three Rivers	1	117	45	4	1	1	1	104	1	4	1	15	155	50 00	620 00	Three Rivers, Mich.						
Freeman Ware															Moore Park	1	36	12	..	2	3	3	32	6	1	3	27	164	15 00	124 00	Three Rivers, Mich.						
Freeman Ware, sup															Bunkerhill	3	112	..	..	2	3	3	69	6	..	..	..	..	37 00	580 00	Pulaski, O.
William A. From															Winamac	3	71	39	8	1	4	23	30	..	4	3	60	..	28 00	90 00	Winamac, Ind.						
William H. Mawherter															Neriah Mission	3	88	..	..	1	2	1	70	..	1	2	22	100	19 00	88 00	Morocco, Mich.				
Henry S. Bailey															White Pigeon	2	91	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	5	3	14	129	17 00	575 00	White Pigeon, Mich.		
St. Paul's Mission															Zions	2	101	48	3	4	7	85	10	..	69	4	2	18	100	47 00	Colon, Mich.						
Henry S. Gekeler															Grace Reformed	2	146	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	1	15	155	..	428 00	Goshen, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman															Salem	1	176	53	4	7	21	16	170	8	18	1	13	132	103 00	2,207 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.						
Allen K. Zartman, sup															Marmont	5	53	50	5	2	3	2	45	3	2	19	1	1	63	37 00	200 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.					
Samuel Shaw															Plymouth Mission	5	210	99	6	3	10	2	35	2	5	3	18	132	37 00	601 00	Marmont, Ind.						
Samuel Shaw															Kenland Mission	3	86	30	2	2	9	3	78	10	5	3	24	136	33 00	443 00	Plymouth, Ind.						
Lewis B. Clayton															Union	2	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	102	7 00	1,000 00	Brook, Ind.
Denyer Mission.															Denver Mission.	2	104	42	7	..	26	6	100	..	..	..	..	..	39 00	1,000 00	Hudson, Ind.	
Without Charge.															Toledo, O.	3	160	47	Denver, Ind.					
Daniel Kroh															Edgerton, O.	Toledo, O.				
Elias Spangler															Farmer, O.	Edgerton, O.				
Peter J. Spangler															Nottawa, Mich.	Farmer, O.		
Theodore J. Bacher															North Robinson, O.	Nottawa, Mich.		
John V. Potts															Columbus Junction, Ia.	John V. Potts		
Jonathan C. Beade															Bremen, O.	Jonathan C. Beade
John H. Albright																John H. Albright
Total, 18.																46	2397	978	86	45	151	67	1587	50	172	40	40	394	2622	\$944 00	\$11,674 00						

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.							Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.		
III. SYNOD OF N. W.																		
Zion's Classis.	St. John's	1	700	670	54	34	30	450	6	14	13	1	..	250	..	\$509 00	\$3,850 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles Schaaf, D. D	Salem	1	356	280	17	13	6	201	2	4	9	1	..	125	..	260 00	1,700 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles F. Kriete	St. Peter's	1	375	194	16	21	8	284	5	6	5	1	..	115	2	192 00	1,255 00	Huntington, Ind.
Jacob Hauser	Brush Creek	3	260	221	16	3	12	175	3	5	8	..	..	190	..	88 00	120 00	Archbold, Ohio.
Christian H. Schoepfle	Defiance	3	216	146	15	2	16	154	..	23	4	2	..	75	..	47 00	1,852 00	Defiance, Ohio.
Beckroft Ruff	Auburn	2	154	77	14	1	18	120	..	89	13	1	..	40	..	42 00	700 00	Auburn, Ind.
C. F. W. Hustedt.	Zion's	1	133	49	5	12	22	100	2	3	2	1	..	60	..	40 00	1,193 00	Detroit, Mich.
Vacant	Salem	1	134	94	10	4	2	116	..	8	8	2	..	50	..	133 00	532 00	Magley, Ind.
Henry Huesser	Newville	2	288	150	18	16	4	160	7	26	3	3	..	172	..	201 00	460 00	Vera Cruz, Ind.
Lewis C. Edmonds	Zion	3	119	84	3	...	3	80	3	1	26	3	..	85	1	18 00	440 00	Swanton, Ohio.
Peter S. Kohler	Edgerton	2	82	48	7	...	2	53	..	5	3	1	..	49	..	45 00	501 00	Edgerton, Ohio.
Isaac Matzinger	Salzburg	1	80	75	17	3	4	70	1	..	5	3	1	65	..	35 00	470 00	Salzburg, Mich.
William Spies.	Zion	1	42	31	5	...	..	42	..	..	1	1	..	24	..	32 00	150 00	Leslie, Ohio.
Vacant	Port Hope	1	100	90	4	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Port Hope, Mich.
Jacob Keppeli	St. John	1	89	84	6	6	7	63	..	..	1	1	..	40	..	26 00	342 00	Elk Rapids, Mich.
Henry W. Vitz	Zion	1	68	56	6	...	2	35	..	..	3	1	..	15	..	105 00	105 00	South West, Ind.
Jacob Matter	South West	2	50	36	...	...	...	...	..	..	4	2	1	58	..	85 00	800 00	Berne, Ind.
Andrew Baeder	Kreuz	1	143	84	7	9	28	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Fort Wayne, Ind.
John Rettig	Supt. Orphans' Home	1	57	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Detroit, Mich.
William Hansen	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Pulaski, Ohio.
Wendel Wasnich	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Al, Fulton Co., Ohio.
Peter Kohl	Without charge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 20.	...	28	3446	2369	214	145	169	2199	28	3	174	70	23	1413	3	\$1,753 00	\$14,570 00	..
Sheboygan Classis.																		
Louis Watermuller	Sheboygan	1	375	230	78	35	17	300	2	1	24	1	..	240	..	\$300 00	\$3,000 00	Sheboygan, Wis.
Charles T. Martin, D. D	1 Ref. cong., Herman	1	240	123	15	12	3	200	4	..	6	1	..	130	10	345 00	600 00	Franklin, Wis.
Dietrich Wm. Vriesen	Newton	1	143	101	16	10	6	90	..	2	1	..	..	70	1	275 00	600 00	Timothy, Wis.
Henry Schenk	Centerville	1	145	84	10	7	2	80	2	3	1	..	..	44	..	394 00	384 00	Timothy, Wis.
Henry John Vriesen	Sheboygan Falls	1	214	126	20	14	15	150	1	..	4	1	..	75	1	131 00	678 00	Johnsonville, Wis.
Frank Grether	Mosel	1	63	32	2	...	7	54	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	92 00	234 00	Franklin, Wis.
Jacob Bollenbacher	Ashford	1	136	88	6	...	60	..	..	..	1	1	..	65	..	20 00	230 90	Elmore, Wis.
John Charles Huecker*	New Castle	1	151	91	7	...	14	80	..	..	4	1	..	65	..	..	..	New Castle, Wis.
Ludwig Zenk	Kiel	1	185	140	17	15	5	135	..	26	1	1	..	100	..	52 00	400 00	Kiel, Wis.
Jacob G. Schmid	Van Dyne	1	147	100	8	...	6	120	..	7	1	1	..	62	..	40 00	350 00	Van Dyne, Wis.

Henry Wm. Stienecker	Medina	2	120	41	4	10	79	1	2	1	2	60	\$80 00	\$570 00	Medina, Wis.	
Ernst Brunoehler	New Holstein	2	120	40	37	10	60	2	3	2	2	22	22 00	345 00	New Holstein, Wis.	
Anthony Korbe	2d Ref. Cong., Herman	1	105	54	7	6	39	6	2	1	1	60	104 00	248 00	Ada, Wis.	
George Engelmann	Rantoul	1	99	93	27	10	85	2	2	1	1	60	33 00	621 00	Hilbert, Wis.	
Bernhard K. Huecker	Manitowoc	2	135	115	20	18	93	4	2	2	1	140	133 00	575 00	Manitowoc, Wis.	
John Schmalz	Greenwood	1	102	91	18	18	83	1	6	1	1	72	40 00	270 00	Greenwood, Wis.	
Otto Muehlmeier	Wausau	2	98	73	12	3	67	3	7	2	1	65	5 00	174 00	Wausau, Wis.	
	Kaukauna	1	47	49	19	5	43	2	1	2	1	62	12 00	800 00		
	Rhine	2	101	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chilton, Wis.
Ludwig Martin	2d Cong. in Rhine	3	185	177	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
	Clintonville	8	125	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
H. A. Muehlmeier, D. D.	Insp. in Mission House	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
J. W. Grosshuesch, A. M	Prof. in Mission House	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
Ernst Stienecker	Supt. Mission House	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
Lic. J. Van Haagan, D. D.	Prof. in Mission House	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Franklin, Wis.
Total, 22.		32	3116	2049	323	76	1147	1818	19	38	78	22	1349	\$1,984 00	\$10,089 00	
Indiana Classs.																
Max G. I. Stern	St. John's	1	250	150	20	12	7	220	4	6	10	1	130 1	\$260 00	\$1,100 00	Indianapolis, Ind.
Herman Helming	Evan. Ref. Emanuel's	1	200	100	6	22	180	4	8	1	220	1	137 00	1,565 00	Indianapolis, Ind.	
Henry M. Gersman	St. Luke's	1	212	150	34	15	2	169	6	6	14	1	100	125 00	Toledo, Ohio.	
John G. Steinert	1st Reformed Cong.	1	110	55	4	1	90	1	4	1	55	1	94 00	938 00	Indianapolis, Ind.	
Ernst W. Henschen	1st. Evangelical Ref.	1	283	169	16	12	11	211	2	15	3	1	547 00	5,363 00	Lafayette, Ind.	
Gottfried J. Reiche	Zions	1	298	160	18	15	7	250	2	12	1	1	150 1	530 00	Louisville, Ky.	
Abraham Schneek	{ Salem	2	238	172	12	17	20	230	2	2	2	1	240	320 00	1,200 00	{ Louisville, Ky.
	{ St. John's	2	59	56	2	1	40	1	1	1	188	1	30 00	190 00	{ Louisville, Ky.	
Francis R. Schwedes	Evan. Reformed Zions	1	210	150	28	16	10	150	12	2	1	1	278 00	800 00	Terre Haute, Ind.	
Julius Granel	{ Saron's Cong	2	132	126	10	7	120	2	1	1	75	1	65 00	479 00	{ Olney Ill.	
William Grether	Zion's & St. Peter's	2	60	45	8	20	40	20	5	1	50	1	18 00	245 00	{ Olney Ill.	
Wendel Wittenwyler	{ St. Peter's, ClayCity	2	254	161	9	3	5	200	4	1	115	1	140 00	1,080 00	{ Poland, Ind.	
Daniel Neuenschwander	{ 2d Ref. in Selma	2	109	74	4	13	..	..	4	1	75	1	111 00	573 00	{ Clay City, Ind.
Melchior Denny	{ St. Peter's, ClayCity	1	123	65	3	10	3	75	3	1	70	1	200 00	340 00	Belvidere, Tenn.	
William Wohlfahrt	{ 1 R. Bernstadt-St. John's	2	106	105	6	6	52	2	2	2	117	1	19 00	179 00	Bernstadt, Ky.	
Charles Ludwig Kemm	{ New Middletown	2	50	25	6	..	..	..	4	2	40	1	65 00	650 00	{ New Middletown, Ind.
	{ Peace and St. Peter	1	95	73	4	6	1	60	7	3	3	1	61 00	500 00	{ Linton, Ind.	
Bartholomew Warren	{ 1st Ref. Grutty	2	71	44	3	3	6	61	3	1	29	1	11 00	98 00	{ Decher, Tenn.	
Sebastian Barth	{ Winchester, Tenn	2	39	36	6	3	3	24	3	1	20	1	10 00	40 00	{ Decher, Tenn.	
Philip Steinbauge	{ St. Paul and Hope	2	46	41	2	7	5	54	..	2	2	1	19 00	1,000 00	{ Indianapolis, Ind.	
John Wernly	{ Groth's 'yle & Sell's 'rg	2	120	110	4	1	17	150	3	2	60	1	185 00	430 00	{ Crothersville, Ind.	
Wm. F. Horstmeier	{ Evansville, 1st Ref	1	69	50	22	11	10	60	7	1	97	1	90 00	780 00	{ Evansville, Ind.	
Peter Joeris	{ Mission in St. Louis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	St. Louis, Mo.
	{ Without Charge	Poland, Ind.	
Total, 21.		29	3213	2117	227	6	202	92	248	29	56	97	256	\$3,315 00	\$20,750 00	

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Milwaukee Classis.																			
Jacob J. V. Grueningen	Waukesha & Pewaukee	2	230	282	49	..	20	38	274	5	15	2	124			\$105 00	\$650 00	Waukesha, Wis.	
Frederick P. Leich	Sauk City & Harrisburg	2	230	206	18	..	18	3	150		8	1	100	1		60 00	700 00	Sauk City, Wis.	
Henry Rusterholz	Ev. Ref. Peace cong	1	174	148	5	..	5	10	74		3	1	38	1		179 00	1,200 00	Riceville, Wis.	
Juergen H. Schoon	N. Berlin & Muckw'go	2	177	101	18	..	7	5	50		4	1	25	1		65 00	400 00	Wayne, Wis.	
Henry C. Nott.	Ref. congregation	2	168	79	18	..	8	12	90	1	4	1	28	1		39 00	313 00	Waukesha, Wis.	
Vacant	2d & 3d Ref. congs	2	143	54	19	..	9	9	213		3	2	125	1		202 00	838 00	495 4th St., Milwaukee.	
Henry O. Joerris	John's & Emanuel	2	243	106	10	4	9	127	90		3	2	106			65 00	326 00	Reeseville, Wis.	
Charles Ruppert	Reformed cong	1	139	67	10	..	15	5	75		1	2	60			36 00	1,147 00	Springfield Cor., Wis.	
John J. Brecht	2d Reformed cong	1	252	117	10	..	3	6	50		2	1	30			..	30 00	Lowell, Wis.	
G. Wagner.	Zoar	1	67	64	4	..	2	3	67		2	1	30			..	347 00	Sauk City, Wis.	
Ernst R. Hinske	2d Reformed cong	1	106	38	7	..	5	18	38	2	6	1	35			32 00	118 00	Watertown, Wis.	
Augustus Frantz	St. John's	1	51	28	15	..	3	6	67		2	1	50			5 00	746 11th st., Milwaukee.		
William G. Kuentzel		1	84	54	14	..	..	..	..		1	1	65			..	610 00	Waukegan, Ill.
Henry Bruenger		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	Juneau, Wis.
Jean Grob		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	Monticello, Wis.
Gustavus H. Martinke		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	Milwaukee, Wis.
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	Watertown, Wis.
Total, 17.		18	2154	1318	176	4	109	95	1398	10	2	12	47	17	906	3	\$788 00	\$7,116 00	
Minnesota Classis.																			
J. Conrad Ochsner	Paul's	1	127	134	14	..	5	1	61	1	1	1	58			\$110 00	\$430 00	Norwood, Minn.	
Albert Krahn	Trinity	1	39	30	3	..	8	37	12		9	1	22			5 00	115 00	Lake City, Minn.	
Andrew Baeder	Zwingli	1	104	56	21	..	2	30	3		2	8	30			2 00	405 00	Berne, Minn.	
Jacob Christ.	Ebenezer	1	52	28	2	..	5	36			1	1	27			129 00	212 00	Waukon, Iowa.	
Jacob Christ	Zion's	1	63	50	5	..	..	51			2	1	24			56 00	275 00	La Crosse, Wis.
Henry Andreas	St. John's	1	169	95	16	..	19	9	90	8	4	1	125			40 00	450 00	La Crosse, Wis.	
J. Otto Vitz	Peace	1	79	69	23	..	4	9	65		8	5	102			84 00	913 00	St. Paul, Minn.	
E. F. E. Fuehrer	St. John's	1	125	70	10	..	6	5	43		3	2	36	1		100 00	369 00	Norwood, Minn.	
Henry Treick	{ Peace Zion's	1	78	87	26	..	12	29			1	1	54			197 00	516 00	Garner, Iowa.	
		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	Tomah, Wis.
Rudolph Luescher	Salem	1	32	36	..	..	..	..	50		1	1	33			224 00	..	Box 793, La Crosse, Wis.
Vacant	Trinity	1	50	29	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	..
Vacant	Hope and Zion's	1	30	25	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..			..	..	..

George Loos	{ Emanuel and St. John	2	112	90	8	5	15	5	70	4	2	80	\$20 00	\$ 930 00	{ Alma, Wis.
William Koebler	St. Paul and St. Luke's	2	112	71	4	5	32	..	97	7	4	100	8 00	1,000 00	Carver, Minn.
Lawrence Ziegler	Zoar	1	30	9	2	..	6	..	18	1	1	10	23 00	102 00	Gaylord, Minn.
Sigmund Romeis	Independent cong	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	..	1	36	2 00	16 00	Dazy, Dakota.
Total, 13.	Hope	1	21	29	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	\$816 00	\$5,941 00	..
Nebraska Classics.		20	1244	918	153	5	92	51	704	24	..	700	1	..	..
Oswald E. Accola	Humboldt†	2	64	85	2	..	..	..	30	..	2	70	\$ 18 00	\$1,817 00	Humboldt, Neb.
John Arnold	Volga	3	137	138	16	..	..	10	114	1	2	50	500 00	4,000 00	Sutton, Neb.
William Bonekemper	Immanuel	1	365	400	56	..	..	16	10	360	2	150	..	..	Sutton, Neb.
Edmund Erb	Lincoln*	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lincoln, Neb.
Fred. Huellhorst	St. Peter	1	48	34	11	..	..	11	2	48	1	30	70 00	368 00	Yutan, Neb.
Otto Kuhn	Hoskins	3	99	73	14	..	..	5	2	93	8	30	84 00	475 00	Hoskins, Neb.
Siegfried Thomas	Hope	1	40	21	2	..	..	2	4	33	..	40	42 00	719 00	Harbine, Neb.
Vacant	Denver	1	70	30	6	..	..	..	14	1	..	25	25 00	665 00	Denver, Colorado.
Henry Wegert	Without Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 8.		13	823	791	107	..	36	28	692	1	1	395	\$739 00	\$7,544 00	..
Ursinus Classics.		2	245	143	24	..	..	7	3	237	..	220	\$272 00	\$ 914 00	Wheatland, Iowa.
Charles Gustav Zipf	Wheatland	2	216	138	11	..	..	10	7	121	2	107	367 00	1,082 00	Baxter, Iowa.
Edward Scheidt	Bethany	2	90	75	12	..	..	13	..	..	2	70	50 00	1,200 00	Marengo, Iowa.
Andrew Hocker	Genoa Bluffs	2	73	68	10	..	..	8	2	36	2	30	68 00	550 00	Storm Lake, Iowa.
William Diehm	Storm Lake	1	136	71	9	..	..	8	2	127	1	60	378 00	845 00	Horn, Iowa.
Augustus Kaune	Zoar	1	53	92	5	..	..	3	36	48	..	33	63 00	450 00	Boone, Iowa.
Vacant	St. Paul's	1	82	90	9	..	..	3	2	66	3	11	66 00	856 00	Crocker, Iowa.
Frederick Mosebach	Salem's	1	182	143	13	..	..	18	57	162	..	111	10 00	150 00	Monticello, Iowa.
Elias Edward Gruenstein	Monticello	1	49	19	12	..	..	7	..	..	1	20	..	..	Clarion, Iowa.
Jacob Kuhn	Zoar	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 8.		13	1126	819	165	..	69	107	897	12	2	651	\$1,274 00	\$6,747 00	..
Missouri Classics.		2	249	132	16	..	..	12	4	132	..	68	\$178 00	\$526 00	Avenue City, Mo.
Jacob Ziegler	Hope and St. John's	2	58	78	13	..	..	1	41	..	8	78	47 00	153 00	Lowry City, Mo.
John Knerim	Hebron and Zion	2	105	72	11	..	..	10	2	67	2	131	37 00	185 00	Boeger's Store, Mo.
Louis Brugger	Salem and Zion	2	75	40	5	..	..	4	2	50	2	40	20 00	80 00	Neosho, Mo.
Frederick Maurer	Zion and St. Paul	2	94	90	6	..	..	..	58	..	2	50	..	..	Prairie City, Mo.
Vacant	Zoar and Bethesda	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, 4.		10	481	412	51	..	26	9	348	4	14	367	\$282 00	\$944 00	..

*This congregation, having but recently been organized in Lincoln, hence there are no statistics.

†This charge was vacant one year.

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Chicago, Classis.																		
A. A. K. Heineman	1st German Ref. cong.	1	165	85		62	13	9	165		17	2	1	150		\$ 75 00	\$1,500 00	Chicago, Ill.
John J. Janett	Evangel. Zion's cong.	1	154	80	27	3	5	1	129		1	1	1	150		124 00	838 00	Freeport, Ill.
Vacant	Ref. Salem's cong.	1	92	76	3	3	5	1	41	1	1	1	1	52		9 00	235 00	Loran, Ill.
Ottomar Esselborn	Washington-Metamora	2	125	76	14	24	2	4	75		3	7	2	40			1,175 00	Washington, Ill.
Christian F. Keller	3d Ref. Peace cong	1	76	42	25	9	9	13	60 10		5	5	1	86		36 00	862 00	Ironton, Ohio.
Total, 5.		6	612	339	131		39	32	461 11		25	15	6	478		\$244 00	\$4,613 00	
South Dakota Classis.																		
Henry Teichrieb	Menno	3	214	255	20	31	12	8	131 6		5	3	136			\$241 00	\$1,604 00	Meuno, Dakota.
Michael Hofer	Peace	5	239	249	31	31	12	14	245 5		11	5	172			300 00	800 00	Scottland, Dakota.
Ulrich Repe	Eureka	16	416	590	65	65	21	250	160 7		10	3	75			1,500 00	1,500 00	Eureka, Dakota.
Frederick W. Stump	Redfield	3	32	9	4	2	3	3	32 3		4	1	30			705 00	705 00	Redfield, Dakota.
Vacant	Castle	2	138	95	14	14	4	4	30 4		2	2	42			85 00	100 00	Castle, Menno, Dakota.
Vacant	Immanuel's	3	188	204	18	18	26	9	135 5		2	6	137			193 00	1,046 00	Tyndal, Dakota.
Total, 4.		32	1257	1402	152	2	93	234	783 18 12		6	35	19	602		\$999 00	\$5,149 00	
W. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.																		
Westmoreland Classis.																		
Jacob F. Snyder	Emanuel	1	295	229	20	1	15		262 6		6	4	1	150		\$417 12	\$1,100 00	Manor Dale, Pa.
Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher	First, Greensburg	2	640	460	48	3	12	6	605 4		8	2	375	1		567 32	2,600 00	Greensburg, Pa.
Wm. H. Bates	St. John's	1	140	108	5	2	10	19	100 4		2	1	1	134		72 06	530 00	Johnstown, Pa.
Albert E. Truxal	Brush Creek	4	432	295	21	20	5	385	30		14	2	100	2		438 52	2,500 00	Manor Station, Pa.
E. H. Dieffenbacher	Pleasant Unity	3	297	198	20	5	20	8	261 30		1	9	3	196		232 50	805 00	Pleasant Unity, Pa.
Cyrus M. Hartzell	Latrobe	2	282	150	13	8	26	42	265 6		1	4	3	325		140 00	1,920 00	Larrobe, Pa.
Charles R. Ferner	Mt. Pleasant	2	211	145	11	4	16	17	132				1	185		133 00	9,000 00	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
J. Nevin Bauman	Salem	3	332	151	7	4	6	9	211 10				123			764 53	Delmont, Pa.	
Silas B. Mase	Second, Greensburg	3	352	146	10	2	12	10	239 3		14	5	3	318		416 60	2,036 49	Lake, Ohio.
Frederick Pigram	Irwin	2	306	216	34	9	9	3	193 11		7	2	1	150		160 67	1,629 75	Irwin, Pa.
Franklin W. Brown	Pine Run	2	390	74	11	1	17	2	153 5		4	2	1	131	1	101 13	701 86	North Washington, Pa.
J. Harvey McKinley	Scottdale	3	111	3	3	1	3		75 4				1	103		265 00	Scottdale, Pa.	
Franklin E. Lauffer	Salina	2	96	55	5								1	42		50 00	151 57	Salina, Pa.
Nehemiah H. Skyles	Grace	1	60	40									1	45				Jeannette, Pa.
Uchiam Cort	Without Charge																	Greensburg, Pa.

Maryland Classics.

Joseph W. Sumner, D. D.	Caretown	4	426	290	14	2	21	2	362	6	7	4	280	2	\$ 148 00	\$ 700 00	Caretown, Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.	Without charge	1	630	370	19	1	24	16	521	12	1	26	570	1	1,185 00	3,000 00	Baltimore, Md.
Edin'g R. Eschbach, D. D.	Evam. Ref. Church	2	220	90	12	3	8	6	170	9	2	1	200	1	218 00	1,000 00	Frederick, Md.
William Goodrich	Clear Spring	2	190	106	4	2	18	11	329	7	4	2	150	3	82 00	850 00	Boonsboro, Md.
Simon S. Miller	Boonsboro	1	342	220	22	4	8	21	474	6	15	1	238	1	591 00	2,850 00	Hagerstown, Md.
J. Spangier Kieffer, D. D.	Zion's Ref. Church	1	525	332	44	8	55	21	474	6	22	1	360	1	1,077 00	3,174 00	Baltimore, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeister	1st Ref. Church	1	425	240	25	1	8	2	306	4	9	1	300	1	825 00	1,000 00	Middletown, Md.
T. Franklin Hoffmeister	Middletown	2	650	500	37	1	37	10	400	4	10	2	175	2	321 00	850 00	Middletown, Md.
John G. Noss	Silver Run	1	159	100	21	2	12	4	143	5	9	2	210	1	95 00	707 00	Mt. Pleasant, Md.
Anthony Shulenberger	Mt. Pleasant	1	384	143	30	1	49	28	324	10	7	10	425	1	737 00	2,826 00	Sioux City, Iowa.
Marion L. Fror	St. Paul's Ref. Ch	1	340	101	16	2	18	11	333	5	6	5	268	1	875 00	3,000 00	Baltimore, Md.
Conrad Clever, D. D.	3d Ref. Church	5	410	330	28	2	15	6	825	4	6	1	155	1	278 00	1,550 00	Walkersville, Md.
Slas M. Hensch	Glade	1	114	106	10	10	12	5	88	1	6	1	215	1	130 00	654 00	Woodberry, Md.
E. Ranson Dearick	Trinity Ref. Ch	2	261	195	11	4	15	2	929	1	8	1	170	1	108 00	835 00	Taneytown, Md.
Henry Ditzler	Church of Incarnation	1	175	80	5	7	12	2	150	7	5	1	40	1	85 00	800 00	Emmitsburg, Md.
U. Henry Heilman	Union Bridge	3	186	130	7	2	15	8	173	1	3	3	200	1	536 00	1,536 00	Adamstown, Md.
David A. Souders	Manor	8	204	120	10	15	19	5	195	4	4	2	210	2	544 00	800 00	Keedysville, Md.
Samuel I. Whitmore	Mt. Moriah	3	218	124	21	4	19	5	166	5	5	2	181	1	165 00	1,350 00	Westminster, Md.
Barton R. Carnahan	Westminster	2	206	144	17	4	14	5	165	7	2	1	74	1	77 00	610 00	Burkittsville, Md.
Calvin S. Slagle	Burkittsville	2	109	75	9	9	14	5	105	7	5	2	221	1	140 00	915 00	Hagerstown, Md.
J. Marion Mickle	Christ Church	2	204	38	9	11	32	13	156	1	2	1	300	1	45 00	360 00	Baltimore, Md.
G. Albert Snyder	Faith	1	41	281	4	4	13	10	36	3	4	2	305	1	148 00	677 00	Mechanicsville, Md.
Adam S. Weber	Mechanicsville	4	341	281	11	1	10	17	263	3	7	2	175	1	627 00	850 00	Jefferson, Md.
Geo. A. Whitmore	Jefferson	2	217	126	15	15	4	188	5	5	1	1	147	1	498 00	850 00	Baltimore, Md.
Henry F. Dittmar	N. W. Bato. Mission	1	614	17	17	11	11	2	411	2	13	4	300	1	154 00	60 00	Manchester, Md.
Ambrose M. Schmidt	Manchester	1	35	25	4	3	7	31	31	2	1	1	15	1	50 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Newton J. Miller	Fairview congregation	1	102	50	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
T. F. Hoffmeier, sup	Washington	2	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Andrew T. G. Apple	Sabillasville	2	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Vacant	Without charge	1	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Henry W. Hoffmeister	Without charge	1	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Jacob B. Keschner	Prison Chaplain.	1	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Louis F. Zinkhan	Licentiate	1	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Henry E. Cook	Licentiate	1	61	30	4	10	14	3	60	2	4	1	60	1	54 00	567 00	Washington, D. C.
Total, 31.		60	7789	4396	428	59	471	191	6443	102	366	190	6344	17	\$10,155 61	\$30,409 00	

Mercersburg Classics.

William M. Dearick, D.D.	Without charge	2	185	78	2	10	26	2	175	4	6	2	140	1	\$ 75 22	\$ 400 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Jacob Hassler	Supply Loudon charge	1	133	80	4	9	27	10	118	8	1	1	260	1	353 60	925 00	Fort Loudon, Pa.
Sefellen E. Stofflet	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	1	405	307	21	9	27	20	314	8	3	1	120	1	738 93	1,845 25	Waynesboro, Pa.
William C. Cremer	1st Ch., Chambersburg	3	465	215	27	17	37	24	407	26	25	11	250	1	624 88	2,160 00	Chambersburg, Pa.
Franklin F. Bahner	Waynesboro	2	361	258	8	5	16	11	283	18	10	2	260	1	103 08	891 00	Waynesboro, Pa.
Cyrus Cort	Greencastle	1	361	258	8	5	16	11	283	18	10	2	260	1	103 08	891 00	Greencastle, Pa.
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge	1	361	258	8	5	16	11	283	18	10	2	260	1	103 08	891 00	Greencastle, Pa.

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George B. Russell, D. D	Supply Mont Alto ch.	1	83	37	3	3	10	1	63	9	1	1	1	..	125	1	\$ 44 06	\$ 230 00	Zollinger, Pa.
J. Wm. Knappenberger	Without charge.	2	140	60	3	100	1	2	..	105	..	30 14	438 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Simon Wolf	McConnellsburg	3	188	80	11	7	14	2	170	4	5	3	..	225	..	170 00	875 00	McConnellsburg, Pa.	
P. Allison Long	Grindstonehill	1	140	37	20	17	37	38	138	2	1	..	125	..	77 00	528 00	McConnellsburg, Pa.
Jeriah S. Shade	Without charge	3	380	250	12	4	6	5	301	9	3	3	..	197	1	392 44	1,028 00	Mercersburg, Pa.	
Jonas B. Shontz	2d Church, Chamb'g.	1	205	75	..	..	..	1	190	9	43	5	1	125	1	250 00	650 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Zwingli A. Yearick	Mercersburg	3	176	110	10	5	18	5	138	10	3	5	3	113	..	84 87	584 00	Shippensburg, Pa.	
Tilghman R. Dietz	St. Thomas	1	30	20	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	50	..	8 00	60 00	St. Thomas, Pa.
John F. Mackley	Little Cove Church ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Sylvan, Pa.
Vacant	Disabled .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Upper Strasburg, Pa.
George R. Zacharias.	Disabled licentiate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Mercersburg, Pa.
John M. North		24	2891	1607	121	77	191	119	2422	100	82	50	24	2195	5	\$2,953 17	\$10,614 28		
Total, 16.																			
Classis of Virginia.																			
John C. Hensell	Superannuated	1	100	113	8	..	3	1	60	2	3	1	..	75	..	\$ 54 00	\$ 483 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
Henry St. Jno. Rinker	Lovettsville	2	174	58	10	1	5	3	142	2	3	2	..	145	..	226 00	500 00	Lovettsville, Va.	
Sam'l N. Callender D.D	Mt. Crawford	4	243	92	10	2	7	1	193	1	6	1	..	40	..	47 83	546 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.	
Henry Talhelm	Edenburgh	1	286	106	10	3	9	4	221	2	2	5	1	165	1	355 38	1,543 73	Edenburgh, Va.	
John A. Hoffbeins, D.D	Martinsburg	1,543 73	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Joseph S. Loose	Disabled	Bridgewater, Va.
Ferdinand E. Vandersloot*	Superannuated	3	211	127	11	..	3	3	184	4	3	7	2	133	1	231 00	1,551 00	Herndon, Va.	
Alpha K. Kline	Woodstock	Woodstock, Va.
Elias Wely, M. D	Without charge	Baltimore, Md.
Albert R. Thompson	Rockingham	4	346	77	13	5	12	326	1	..	..	6	4	216	1	155 00	967 00	Bridgewater, Va.
Addison C. Snyder	Harrisville	2	167	95	5	5	28	8	157	..	1	7	2	155	..	56 77	1,043 68	Tom's Brook, Va.	
John T. Ballett	Timberville	3	128	80	1	4	4	80	..	..	..	7	2	96	..	30 00	90 00	Timberville, Va.
Julius H. Shuford	Middlebrook	3	165	85	5	..	2	152	..	..	..	3	3	145	1	44 00	500 00	Middlebrook, Va.
John W. Rauch, sup	Smithfield	1	45	30	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	1	1	20	..	225 00	740 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.
George G. Eberhart	Shepherdstown	2	150	121	18	..	5	120	9	..	..	4	2	175	..	5 00	372 00	Shepherdstown, Va.
Vacant	Winchester	3	85	70	7	1	2	1	127	..	..	6	2	80	..	43 77	310 00	Winchester, Va.
Josiah May	Mill Creek	156	70	90	Mt. Jackson, Va.
Total, 15.		31	2256	1054	98	21	80	21	1882	19	2	65	25	1534	4	\$1,473 75	\$8,647 75		

Classis of N. Carolina.

G. Wm. Welker, D. D.	4	432	245	16	1	4	1	330	2	\$ 122 00	\$ 452 00	Lamont, N. C.
Calvin E. Heller	2	345	242	23	1	15	4	312	11	261 00	551 00	Heilig's Mills, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	4	314	203	10		9	3	240	2	183 00	535 00	Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Trexler	1	36	32	5			6	31		73 77	275 00	Concord, N. C.
Vacant	3	84	43	5		1		60		19 18	61 00	Vacant.
Central Rowan	4	216	111	18	11	21	2	160	4	45 31	885 00	Vacant.
Lower Davidson	3	139	89	6		5	3	128	1	1,043 00	1,043 00	Hickory, N. C.
Hickory	3	139	89	6		5	4	200	10	518 00	1,096 00	China Grove, N. C.
West Rowan	22	27	17	11		17	5	172	3	77 00	444 00	Maiden, N. C.
Lincoln	4	208	121	11		47	105	1		428 00	760 00	Vacant.
Upper Davidson	4	319	6	6	7	1	1	10		140 00	760 00	China Grove, N. C.
St. Paul's Mission	1	28	20	1		2	20			3 00	1 25	Hickory, N. C.
Blowing Rock Mission	1	21	24	2								Maiden, N. C.
Lincoln Mission												Salem, N. C.
Mt. Tabor Mission												Blowing Rock, N. C.
Thomasville												Hickory, N. C.
John Ingle												Newton, N. C.
Jeremiah Ingold, D. D.												Silver Hill, N. C.
Prof. in Catawba Col.												Salem, N. C.
Without charge												Thomasville, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick												Rockwell, N. C.
Thomas Long												Lexington, N. C.
Without charge												
Jesse W. Cecil												
James M. L. Lyerly												
Jacob C. Leonard												
Total, 15.	33	2414	1130	125	20	127	31	1768	83	\$4,025 26	\$6,701 25	

Classis of Gettysburg.

William K. Zieber, D. D.												Hanover, Pa.
David N. Dittmar	1	268	200	11		8	5	236	10	\$ 193 00	\$ 960 00	Littlestown, Pa.
John C. Bowman	1	310	150	13	1	4	8	375	3	1,825 00	1,825 00	Hanover, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley	2	380	335	5		11	9	330	4	300 00	965 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman	4	680	600	61		64	4	630	4	171 00	1,000 00	Hanover, Pa.
Lischveys	3	650	563	55	2	32	1	618	5	396 00	1,247 00	Codorus, Pa.
Jefferson												Littlestown, Pa.
Without charge												Yew Oxford, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs	3	530	275	27	1	23	1	401	2	112 00	3,800 00	New Oxford, Pa.
Abbottstown	3	689	493	35		12	13	500	11	505 00	1,527 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Christ Church						13		250	7	85 00	1,140 00	Fairfield, Pa.
Cashtown	3	275	200	16			2	351	21	424 00	888 00	Arendtsville, Pa.
Arendtsville	2	373	259	31	4	22	2	351	21	42 00	600 00	East Berlin, Pa.
Benjamin F. Bauman	3	310	175	22						161 00	2,180 00	Hanover, Pa.
Oliver F. Schaeffer	3	490	200	21		14	8	380	3			
Joseph D. Peters												
Total, 13.	28	4955	3150	297	8	203	51	4281	72	\$3,739 00	\$16,082 00	

*Died June 19, 1890, aged 83 years, 7 months and 22 days.

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		Members.	Unconfirmed.			Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Classis of Carlisle.																			
Wm. H. R. Dietrich	New Bloomfield.	3	323	122	16	6	10	17	307	6		6	3		391		\$202 00	\$3,670 00	Newport, Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D. D	Carlisle	1	275	150	7	3	13	19	260	1	10	6	1		180		498 06	1,343 00	Carlisle, Pa.
William H. Groh	Sulphur Springs.	4	232	54	5	1	5	8	183	3		2	3		170	2	175 00	841 00	Carlisle, Pa.
Wm. I. Stewart	Mechanicsburg	2	257	163	5	2	13	12	233	12	20	1	1		180		304 00	1,775 00	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Silas L. Messinger	Zion's	4	520	330	57	3	41	20	402	15	2	14	6		540	4	360 00	875 00	Blain, Pa.
Stewart U. Mitman	Newburg	1	146	73	4	2	6	2	127	2		5	1		150		122 00	560 00	Newburg, Pa.
Abraham B. Stoner	Landisburg	4	451	280	58	6	31	14	346	10	44	15	4		312	1	977 00	1,367 00	Landisburg, Pa.
J. David Miller	Duncannon	3	119	41	5				94	3		1	2		235		77 70	376 35	Marysville, Pa.
Milton H. Groh	Without Charge																		Columbus, Ohio.
Sol. B. Shafer	Without Charge																		Martinsburg, Pa.
Total, 10.		22	2323	1213	157	23	119	95	1922	52	1	76	50		2158	7	\$2,721 76	\$10,807 35	
Classis of San Francisco.																			
R. H. Stahl	San Diego	1																	Stockton, Cal.
J. B. Braun	Stockton	1	23	21	1		14	12	23			1	1		45		\$10 00	\$316 00	Duncan, Neb.
Theodore G. De Lyre	Napa	1	33	30	3			2	20			2	2		25		50 00	150 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Total, 3.		3	56	51	4		14	14	43			3	3		70		\$60 00	\$466 00	
Classis of Portl'd-Ore.																			
John Gantenbein, D. D	Portland	1	76	98	26			20	70		16	4	1		50		\$ 5 75	\$470 00	Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Muelhaupt	Salem	3	68	63	12			14	54	2	3	5	3		72		13 75	400 00	Salem, Oregon.
Julius Lange	Meridian	1	48	39	3		3		31			1	1		27		20 26	261 75	Stafford, Oregon.
Gottfried Graedel	Seattle	1	70	80	15			27	43			1	1		85		55 30	285 95	Seattle, Wash.
Adolph H. Baumann	St. Peter's	2	98	90	11		8		70	4	5	5	2		53		27 00	328 00	Mink, Oregon.
Rudolph Staub	Washougal	1	20	32	2				16	4		1	1		12			24 00	Washougal, Wash.
Herman Liesman	Glencoe	1	24	67	23				24			1	2		41		12 50	150 00	Glencoe, Oregon.
Vacant	Astoria	2	50	60															
Vacant	Sandy	1																	
Vacant	Waldo Hills	1																	
Total, 7.		14	454	529	92		11	61	308	10	3	21	17		340		\$134 56	\$1,919 70	

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
John Roock	Ebenezer	1	141	82	15		13	124				6	1	75			\$145 00	\$ 632 00	Ebenezer, N. Y.
Moritz Heinze	Salem	1	293	240	53		18	262			15	18	1	300			123 00	1,498 00	Buffalo, N. Y.
Jacob Storer	Emanuel's	1	253	160	35	1	11	31	250		17	13	1	125			30 00	850 00	Buffalo, N. Y.
Charles Kuss	Emeritus																		Rochester, N. Y.
Edward Wentz																			Franklin, Wis.
William Bollman																			Buffalo, N. Y.
Total, 8.		8	2408	1583	288	4	125	71	2154	8	97	123	7	1450	3		\$1,251 00	\$10,292 00	
G. Phila'phia Classis.																			
Frederick W. Berleman.	Salem	1	934	750	190	3	70	8	689		20	23	3	790	1		\$1,062 00	\$5,578 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Peter H. Dippell	Zion's	1	744	420	88	1	48	38	650	2	20	36	1	575	1		1,035 00	9,184 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
John G. Neuber	Bethlehem	1	585	345	140	1	29	21	577	3		84	2	486	1		431 00	3,298 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Vacant	St. John's																		Egg Harbor City, N. J.
Herman Wiener	Glasboro	2	65	40	2		17	14	140	10		1	1	80	2		54 00	236 00	Glasboro, N. J.
J. B. Forster	Emanuel's	1	165	125	10		32	19	300	2	13	3	1	205	2		81 00	903 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
A. Emil Dahlgren	Emanuel's	1	380	180	27	1	32	19	300	2		7	1	180	2		530 00	3,553 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Philip Vollmer	St. Paul's	1	462	350	78		30	23	360	1	23	4	2	440			618 00	2,697 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
George A. Scheer	St. Mark's	1	600	354	159	5	71	44	506	3		30	7	900			322 00	4,700 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
G. P. Seibel	St. John's	1	207	110	21		22	4	312	1	12	4	1	80			40 00	1,140 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
G. P. Seibel	St. John's	1	207	110	21		22	4	312	1	12	4	1	80			40 00	1,140 00	Lancaster, Pa.
Robert G. Assman	Grace	1	606	367	53		22	4	315	2		11	1	250			30 00	1,223 00	Hazleton, Pa.
Robert G. Assman	St. John's, Stockton	1	125	86	6		8		48	6		1	1	60			230 00	2,012 00	Reading, Pa.
Levi K. Derr	Zion's	1	400	160	35	1	10	58	330	3	1	9	1	200	1		224 00	2,012 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Paul Wienand	St. Luke's	1	130	83	42		11	50	114	1		2	1	280			22 00	856 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Adam Boley	Immanuel's	1	233	110	26		12	6	190	7	5	6	1	120			25 00	1,800 00	Williamsport, Pa.
John Voegelin	St. John's	1	98	45	32		15	12	90		14	4	1	100			15 00	2,300 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff, D. D.	Zwingli																.....	.....	Harrisburg, Pa.
Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	Without Charge																.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Gothold L. Neef	Without Charge																.....	.....	Manheim, Baden.
Christian E. W. Beyer	Without Charge																.....	.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Total, 17.		18	5764	3519	909	12	400	306	4497	41	138	152	21	4746	7		\$4,489 00	\$39,510 00	
G. Maryland Classis.																			
Marcus Bachman	5th Ger. Ev. Ref. St. Paul	1	695	475	158		30	15	580		25	47	1	360			\$259 00	\$2,785 00	Baltimore, Md.
John C. Hauser	Reformed Immanuel's	1	503	455	204		21	45	368		10	13	1	460			432 00	3,387 00	Baltimore, Md.
Herman Biefeld	Reformed St. John's	1	56	20	1		3			2		6	1	20			320 00	320 00	Federick, Md.
Gustavus Factus	German Ref. Zion's	1	385	250	67	1	33	8	275			5	1	200			100 00	2,000 00	Baltimore, Md.

Aug. E. F. Schade.	Fourth Ref. St. John's	1	490	200	27	17	4	235	4	20	17	1	150	1	\$155 00	\$1,700 00	Baltimore, Md.	
Vacant	First Ref. Trinity	1	208	85	56	10	30	180	2	2	2	1	90	1	35 00	963 00	Washington, D. C.	
Conrad Borchers	First German Ref.	1	26	33	7	....	3	19	....	....	1	1	24	....	883 00	Jacksonville, Md.	
Augustus Guenther	Without Charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Brightwood, D. C.	
Total, 8.		7	2383	1520	520	1	114	105	1703	6	63	91	7	1304	1	\$1,017 00	\$12,208 00	
W. Penn's'via Classis.																		
Julius Herold	St. Paul's	1	176	82	12	7	21	115	8	..	1	1	21	145	....	\$238 00	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Casper Scheel	St. Peter and Zion	2	136	67	11	9	....	86	..	11	1	1	8	50	....	195 00	Zellenople, Pa.
Charles A. Limberg	Trinity	1	47	30	5	....	....	39	7	....	....	....	....	....	60 00	Butler, Pa.	
Max. F. Dumstreyl	Independent	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Zellenople, Pa.	
Total, 4.		4	359	179	28	13	21	240	15	11	2	2	29	195	....	\$248 00	\$1,679 00
CENTRAL SYNOD.																		
Heidelberg Classis.																		
Christian Wisner	Galion	1	479	300	22	1	6	390	12	1	3	1	175	1	8476 00	\$1,100 00	Galion, Ohio.	
Charles Schmitt	Crestline	1	209	125	17	....	7	125	....	12	3	1	100	1	90 00	650 00	Crestline, Ohio.
Louis C. Rettig	Bucyrus	1	90	54	3	....	....	65	....	....	5	1	64	....	20 00	500 00	Bucyrus, Ohio.
Conrad Hassel	Ashland	1	48	15	3	....	....	80	3	....	1	1	30	....	62 00	273 00	Ashland, Ohio.
E. Garver Williams	Peace	1	108	70	1	10	....	168	....	....	4	1	60	....	50 00	325 00	....
Frank C. Witthoff	Whetstone	2	204	138	10	15	....	1	200	1	6	2	140	....	163 00	600 00	New Winchester, Ohio.
Ernst R. C. Meyer	Broken Sword	4	204	190	9	7	16	1	150	....	1	3	160	....	147 00	750 00	Sulphur Springs, Ohio.
Philip Ruhl	Caroline	3	227	131	10	....	2	2	143	1	7	2	90	....	70 00	597 00	Carothers, Ohio.
Daniel F. Schroth	Kenton	2	134	110	15	....	2	9	155	2	6	2	155	....	58 00	2,466 00	Kenton, Ohio.
Alfred G. Berkey	Marion	4	135	120	18	....	6	150	2	4	6	4	100	....	85 00	700 00	Marion, Ohio.
David A. Winter	Upper Sandusky	2	340	160	21	2	9	10	275	4	10	2	325	....	261 00	1,450 00	Upper Sandusky, Ohio.
F. H. W. Kuecknerman	Prospect	4	248	160	21	1	1	6	183	6	13	4	280	....	323 00	794 00	Prospect, Ohio.
Martin Vitz	New Knoxville	1	530	380	43	....	27	4	100	4	10	2	340	1	986 00	1,091 00	New Knoxville, Ohio.
Gottlieb Beisser	Zion (New Bremen)	1	111	64	5	16	4	100	....	3	5	1	150	1	485 00	708 00	New Bremen, Ohio.
Christian Baum	Spencerville	2	162	112	16	14	18	120	....	....	12	1	90	....	73 00	500 00	Spencerville, Ohio.
Peter Greeding, D. D	Lima	1	340	240	16	25	60	300	....	....	12	1	180	1	120 00	2,700 00	Lima, Ohio.
Peter George Ruhl	Riley Creek	2	308	185	11	15	1	146	3	25	6	2	165	....	67 00	425 00	Bluffton, Ohio.
Peter Vitz	Delphos	1	71	41	5	8	6	45	2	1	4	1	45	....	19 00	557 00	Findlay, Ohio.
Christian Badertscher	Pease (Shelby County)	1	73	47	4	5	3	70	....	3	2	1	45	....	34 00	240 00	Delphos, Ohio.
Joseph Kester	Without Charge	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	216 00	....	St. Marys, Ohio.
F. William Marcus	Without Ch'ge, Invalid	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Lykens, Ohio.
John H. Klein, D. D.	Without Ch'ge, Invalid	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Galion, Ohio.
Total, 21.		36	4179	2532	253	11	194	139	3283	38	5	72	108	35	2731	5	\$3,609 00	\$16,692 00
Erie Classis.																		
Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D	Pres. of Calvin Col.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Cleveland, Ohio.
Augustus Becker	Man. Ger. Pub. House	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Cleveland, Ohio.
Louis Prakschatis, D. D.	Ed. of <i>Kirchenszeitung</i>	Cleveland, Ohio.	

*Sixty-nine of these baptisms were administered in a Children's Asylum.

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															Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Christopher Schiller	1st Ref. Congregation	1 232	165		18	14	2 250	2	6 16	1	198	1	1	1	\$ 353 00	\$ 1,160 00	Cleveland, O.
John Winter	1st Ref. Congregation	1 300	170		17	9	11 150	2	8 8	1	138	1	1	1	150 00	940 00	Sandusky, O.
Frederick Forwick	Vermillion	2 310	178		13	6	6 218	6	2 2	2	140	1	1	1	219 00	1,100 00	Vermillion, O.
J. H. C. Roenig	1st Ref. Congregation	1 437	330		28	13	13 325	11	8 1	1	300	5	1	1	201 00	1,430 00	Cleveland, O.
John Henry Stepler	2d Ref. Congregation	1 221	105		15	10	11 130		8 1	1	175	1	1	1	120 00	1,025 00	Cleveland, O.
William Friebohn	3d Ref. Congregation	1 550	365		80	41	80 350	65	25 16	1	300	1	1	1	250 00	1,800 00	Cleveland, O.
John F. Winter	4th Ref. Congregation	1 202	112		10	25	12 203	2	20 2	1	325	1	1	1	169 00	1,045 00	Cleveland, O.
William Renter	5th Ref. Congregation	1 164	90		6	18	14 145	4	8 2	1	135	1	1	1	34 00	727 00	Cleveland, O.
Ernst Aug. Fuenfueck	6th Ref. Congregation	1 155	130		14	14	4 163	8	2 3	1	150	1	1	1	40 00	1,000 00	Cleveland, O.
William Dreher	7th Ref. Congregation	1 125	105		8	10	20 110		2 3	1	100	1	1	1	21 00	625 00	Cleveland, O.
Served by Pres. of Cal. Col.	8th Ref. Congregation	1 19	13		1				2 3	1	70	6	1	1	3 00	700 00	Cleveland, O.
Served by Pres. of 3d Cong.	9th Ref. Congregation	1 75	45		7		75		1 1	1	50		1	1			Kelley's Island, O.
John Biery	Ref. Congregation	1 74	26						3 1	1	52		1	1	40 00	760 00	Ceylon, O.
Albert C. Pretzer	Birmingham	2 262	184		17	8	9 104	2	17 1	2	135		1	1	92 00	590 00	Haskins, O.
Hugo Eickelberg	Haskins	3 123	97		8		1 120	8	8 8	2	90		1	1	93 00	630 00	Haskins, O.
Joseph L. Schatz	New Bavaria	2 354	237		25	23	11 200	3	13 2	2	130	1	1	1	145 00	4,500 00	New Bavaria, O.
Nathaniel Ruetenik	Huron	2 60	50		8		35		11 1	2	40		1	1	25 00	400 00	Berlin Heights, O.
2d Ref. Cong. in Tiffin	Served by Dr. Rust	1 253	125		12	23	6 237	5	11 1	1	180	2	1	1	40 00	8,575 00	Tiffin, O.
William F. Zander	Youngstown Ref. Cong.	1 287	149		26	12	18 280	3	9 2	1	120		1	1	130 00	1,790 00	Youngstown, O.
Euclid Congregation	S'v'd by L. Pralke	1 46	24		5		2 44		2 3	1	39		1	1	67 00	100 00	Cleveland, O.
Henry Gramm	Monroeville	3 113	69		4		88				65		1	1	30 00	200 00	Monroeville, O.
Henry Trautman	Pastor Emeritus																Galion, O.
Henry Nau	Editor																Cleveland, O.
William Dieckman																	New Bremen, O.
Total, 23.		29 4522	2771		302	2 2356	3291	121	2 120	97 28	2974	20			\$2,222 00	\$29,097 00	
St. John's Classic.																	
Peter Herbruck, D. D.	Pastor Emeritus																Canton, O.
David Kaemmerer, D. D.	Wooster, Emeritus																Wooster, O.
Lawrence Selzer	Shanesville	1 275	250		20	10	10 198		6 3	1	250		1	1	\$ 80 00	\$ 400 00	Shanesville, O.
John H. Beck	Christ	2 484	368		26	21	8 229	8	11 2	2	230		1	1	265 00	990 00	Orrville, O.
Moritz Noll	Ragersville	3 383	274		17	7	22 10	14	10 3	3	274		1	1	265 00	740 00	Ragersville, O.
Joseph A. Keller, D. D.	Peace	1 380	270		34	1	11 480	6	67 12	1	280	3	1	1	177 00	2,677 00	Hartville, O.
Jacob Dahman, D. D.	1st Ger. Ref. Cong.	1 743	210		55	34	20 210	6	12 8	1	300		1	1	165 00	1,900 00	Akron, O.
Frederick Strassner	Jerusalem	1 240	120		19	8	14 210		12 8	1	110		1	1	153 00	772 00	Canton, O.
William Braun	St. Stephens	3 169	168		16	17	129				142		1	1	25 00	1,200 00	Wheeling, W. Va.
John Looser	Helvetia															153 00	Helvetia, W. Va.

Joseph C. Smith	3	301	190	33	12	4	44	235	10	7	3	270	1	\$ 150 00	\$ 1,051 00	Waynesburgh, O.
Oswald J. Accola, D. D.	1	275	160	11	8	5	175	5		8	6	145		153 00	850 00	New Philadelphia, O.
Gustavus Dolch	3	253	212	17	1	24	200	1		8	3	110		80 00	1,605 00	Baltic, O.
Henry Hollier	2	169	90	34	1	19	12	135	1	9	3	35		27 00	935 00	Alliance, O.
Julius A. Toensmeier	2	841	163	34	8	27	20	240	1	12	2	165		72 00	1,220 00	New Bedford, O.
John Witz	1	276	172	25	11	25	140	2		9	13	168		89 00	1,066 00	Bellaire, O.
	1	145	50	8	5	11	95	1		4	1	50		32 00	225 00	
David M. Christman	1	425	244	18	2	36	14	180	10		12	150		78 00	8,000 00	Mt. Eaton, O.
John B. Rust																Tiffin, O.
Total, 18.	29	5619	3191	433	40	305	207	3614	88	4	111	129	30	\$2,252 00	\$24,240 00	
Cincinnati Classis.																
John Bachmann	1	440	265	24			11	360			15	1		\$ 240 00		Cincinnati, O.
Ferdinand O. Zesch, Ph.D.	1	781	258	67	36	71	759	8		5	13	515		724 00		Cincinnati, O.
John G. Kuhl	1	325	200	18	8	21	310			62	5	140		134 00		Cincinnati, O.
Benjamin S. Stern	1	253	148	13	8	21	142	1		6	2	150		97 00		Covington, Ky.
John M. Grether	5	343	300	22	8	4	5	335	1		8	5		29 00		Dayton, O.
Anthony Seyring	1	142	87	21	9	21	142	2		27	6	165		23 00		Beaver, O.
Immanuel	1	150	45	8			125	1		3	1	100		57 00		Ludlow Grove, O.
Wm. H. Fenneman	1	130	60	5	14	11	110			8	1	50		40 00		Hamilton, O.
Augustus Toensmeier	1	80	48	3		2	66	5			6	75		14 00		Toledo, O.
Charles Becker	1	147	146	14	13	8	104	3			1	30		72 00		Florence, Ind.
Vacant	2	122									4	60		900 00		Rising Sun, Ind.
Wm. Stechow	1													.....		Arnhem, O.
Vacant	1													.....		Piqua, O.
John Heckman														.....		Mt. Auburn, (Cin.) O.
Henry A. Meier														.....		Franklin, Wis.
Total, 12.	17	2913	1557	195	100	153	2453	21		103	61	14		\$1,430 00	\$25,608 00	
SYNOD OF INTERIOR.																
Illinois Classis.																
Henry Bair	2	123	45	8			104				2	29		\$ 774 00		Forreston, Ill.
George P. Hartzell	4	133	69	14	5	3	101	2			4	18		619 00		Orangeville, Ill.
	4	63	45	3	1	3	54	2			2	18		192 00		Dakota, Ill.
George E. Metzger	2	113	92	6	1	14	1	92	3		2	10		800 00		West Salem, O.
Daniel N. Frantz	2	134	81	4	1	7	2	126			2	23		61 00		Grove City, Ill.
Joshua Wolbach	2	75	35	5			66				2	1		35 00		Altamont, Ill.
	1	36	37	4		1	25				1	10		225 00		
Shelby	4	193	160								3	8		30 00		
Anna	2	58	30	5	12	17	2	45	2		2	11		70 00		Lena, Ill.
Damascus														.....		White Pigeon, Mich.
Without Charge														.....		Beatrice, Ill.
Superannuated	23	938	544	39	20	58	9	613	9					\$1,507 00	\$ 900 00	LaRose, Ill.
Total, 9.										7	9	21	117			

^aNow served by Rev. Christian F. Keller, with post-office at Ironton, Ohio.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	(Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dis- missed.	Excommu- nicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	(Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Iowa Classis.																			
Frederick C. Bauman	Harmony	2	146	76	24	26	47	6	121	9	4	2	2	100	1	1	\$ 71 00	\$ 702 00	Zwingli, Iowa.
Francis M. Shults	Lisbon	1	100	40	3	8	10	4	99	1	1	1	1	90	1		167 00	675 00	Lisbon, Iowa.
G. Dickie Gurley	Tipton	1	64	35	1	1	3	3	63	2	6	1	1	50			50 00	800 00	Tipton, Iowa.
Joseph F. Butler	Pleasant Valley	1	76	45	8	1	4	5	68					35			55 00	210 00	Imogene, Iowa.
Solomon Ream	Liscomb	2	45	5	1	1	1	1	31					91			79 00	735 00	Liscomb, Iowa.
Daniel K. Fulcason	Boulder	2	77	41	3	1	10	56	36	2				63			50 00	680 00	Central City, Iowa.
Frank Wetzel	Sionx City	2	39	37	1	4	9	4	32					91			70 00	1,082 00	Dakota, Ill.
John H. Buser	Leighton	1	39	10	1	1	1	1	36	2	1	1	1	63			43 00	228 00	Leighton, Iowa.
George C. Erb	Wilton	1	47	20	1	1	8	1	25	4				28			24 00	125 00	Wilton, Iowa.
	Coneville*	2	117	73	2	3	8	1	90	1				125			25 00	369 00	
	Columbus Junction*	2	75	59	1	1	1	2	59	2				70			15 00	376 00	
S. P. Harrington	Maquoketa	3	61	65				2	36				3	177			18 00	241 00	Maquoketa, Iowa.
John Naile																	...		Lyons, Iowa.
George Rettig																	...		Monticello, Iowa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Miss. Supt																...		Lisbon, Iowa.
Total, 12.		21	886	506	47	47	85	37	716	21	10	7	18	973	2	2	\$ 667 00	\$6,224 00	
Kansas Classis.																			
Elias Bauman	Without Charge																		Portland, Oregon.
Thomas F. Stauffer	Abilene†	2	168	108	5	2	12	9	143	10	4	5	2	25			\$ 55 28	\$ 598 94	Lincoln, Nebraska.
Abraham Bolliger	New Basil	1	101	103	8		5	2	75		4	4	1	95			34 50	375 00	New Basil, Kansas.
Hiram Shumaker	Without Charge																		Holton, Kansas.
E. F. Shorer	"																		Twin Creek, Kansas.
Daniel J. Greenwald	"																		Beloit, Kansas.
Albert G. Lohman	Bethany	1	76	50	2	3	12	15	63	2	36	1	1	72			153 00	663 00	Hiawatha, Kansas.
	Zion	1	106	73	9				72			1	1	56			41 00	320 00	Wathena, Kansas.
William E. Shaley	Sabetha	2	102	30	11	8	18	23	73	4		1	2	131			7 00	2,788 97	Jola, Kansas.
	Baker	1	48	40	6			22	40						1		8 00	60 00	Baker, Kansas.
St. John's		1	17	21					10								3 00	25 00	Topeka, Kansas.
Holton		1	17	10						2									Holton, Kansas.
St. Paul's		1	45	13					14	6				8			33 40	102 68	Kansas City, Mo.
Charles A. Santee																			
Total, 9.		11	608	448	41	8	47	71	490	24	44	11	8	33	579	1	\$ 835 18	\$4,933 59	

Wichita Classis.														Supt. of Mis. of Synod														Emporia, Kansas.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
Dennis B. Shuey														3	68	41	9	6	1	3	4	60	1	2	3	9	67	2

*Served by Rev. J. C. Beade.

†Rev. Abner S. Dechant is now (August, 1890,) serving the Abilene charge, having for his post office Abilene, Kansas.

NOTE.—**Lincoln Classis** was organized at Lincoln, Neb., April 10, 1890, including four ministers and four congregations, and its statistics are included in those of Iowa and Kansas Classes. —*Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.—SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.		Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconformed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Committed.				Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students Ministry.	Contributions.		
							Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.									
I. Eastern Synod.																							
1.	East Pennsylvania	11	236	465	84210	46655	5976	512	4453	2015	67593	1006	3	788	2424	556	1120	56647	108	\$71,433 00	\$314,983 00		
2.	Lebanon		31	49	9795	5934	641	11	439	137	6842	80		23	263	65		6166	11	\$ 5,334 00	\$98,600 00		
3.	Philadelphia		22	50	10785	6819	713	47	456	197	8990	164	1	110	352	72		8092	7	4,459 00	31,358 00		
4.	Lancaster		28	28	5288	1089	189	158	312	268	4638	96		45	82	29		5363	11	14,444 00	54,957 00		
5.	East Susquehanna		31	39	5295	2627	257	107	281	151	4387	57		32	125	36		4319	6	5,534 00	23,287 00		
6.	West Susquehanna		14	49	5067	3060	532	6	301	120	4108	48		16	176	48		3467	2	2,438 00	16,073 00		
7.	Goshenhoppen		13	58	4800	2579	274	17	200	130	4132	95	2	6	118	50		3563	10	5,377 00	17,780 00		
8.	Tohickon		12	29	7607	4509	580	32	457	96	6484	101		18	227	35		4319	10	3,608 00	22,527 00		
9.	Lehigh		17	37	8278	4044	439	57	382	244	6225	72		54	212	54		4441	8	5,717 00	21,262 00		
10.	Schuylkill		26	50	11499	6548	968	14	798	217	9348	124		265	456	84		7193	26	6,894 00	37,775 00		
11.	Wyoming		24	40	10726	6164	908	35	537	234	8555	99		139	286	51		8173	12	14,817 00	37,965 00		
			18	35	5076	2982	405	28	290	221	4034	70		75	127	32		3551	5	2,811 00	23,699 00		
II. Synod of Ohio.																							
1.	Miami	6	111	234	19748	6054	662	551	1213	709	15769	477	3	718	318	203	2554	19019	28	\$12,713 00	\$80,914 00		
2.	Lancaster		27	54	5321	1197	120	198	318	181	4353	106	3	179	75	49	698	5141	51	\$4,897 00	\$22,351 00		
3.	Tuscarawas		10	28	2506	966	102	43	89	71	2197	48		105	80	23	320	2038	8	1,921 00	9,289 00		
4.	Tiffin		19	42	4170	1148	208	157	322	201	8310	94		135	67	33	556	4342	5	2,960 00	17,501 00		
5.	Eastern Ohio		23	37	2340	804	81	32	104	108	1784	40		31	47	29	317	2319	5	1,200 00	11,090 00		
6.	St. Joseph		14	27	3014	961	65	76	229	81	2533	33		96	59	23	274	2537	1	1,291 00	9,009 00		
			18	46	2397	978	86	45	151	67	1587	50		172	40	40	394	1622	4	944 00	11,674 00		
III. Synod of Northwest.																							
1.	Zion's	10	123	201	17472	12626	1637	31	987	1014	9381	156	20	367	435	166		9009	22	\$12,194 00	\$83,463 00		
2.	Sheboygan		20	28	3446	2369	214	14	145	169	2199	28	3	174	70	23		1413	3	\$1,753 00	\$14,570 00		
3.	Indiana		22	32	3116	2049	323	19	176	147	1818	19		38	78	22		1349	13	1,984 00	10,089 00		
4.	Milwaukee		21	29	3213	2117	227	6	202	92	2481	29		56	97	26		2088	8	3,315 00	20,750 00		
5.	Minnesota		17	18	2154	1318	174	4	109	95	1398	10	2	12	47	17		906		788 00	7,116 00		
6.	Nebraska		13	30	1244	918	153	5	92	51	704	24		36	33	20		760	1	816 00	5,941 00		
7.	Ursinus		8	13	823	791	107		36	28	692	1	1	10	21	13		395	1	739 00	7,544 00		
8.	Missouri		8	13	1126	891	105		69	107	897	12	2	9	25	11		651		1,274 00	6,747 00		
9.	Chicago		4	10	451	412	51		26	9	348	4		25	14	10		367	1	282 00	944 00		
10.	South Dakota		6	6	612	359	131		39	32	461	11		15	6			478		244 00	4,613 00		
			4	32	1257	1402	152	2	93	184	783	18	12	6	35	19		602		999 00	5,149 00		

IV. Synod of Pittsburgh.

IV. Synod of Pittsburgh.																			
5	64	131	14092	8514	789	83	637	472	11072	334	3	111	234	111	..	85-7	14	\$10,711 00	\$66,064 00
1.	18	31	3046	2267	258	26	157	127	2992	113	30	61	25	2377	5	2377	5	\$2,375 00	\$23,408 00
2.	12	30	3119	1965	202	16	185	91	2666	54	46	57	28	1723	4	1723	4	2,027 00	10,775 00
3.	9	20	2497	1237	90	12	127	46	1590	37	14	26	14	1163	1	1163	1	1,443 00	6,749 00
4.	13	38	3180	2216	164	18	94	68	2501	66	8	9	71	2072	3	2072	3	2,136 00	13,122 00
5.	12	12	1650	799	75	11	94	140	1353	64	12	19	12	1252	1	1252	1	2,127 00	12,010 00
V. Synod of Potomac.																			
10	142	298	32310	18966	1899	262	1636	857	26603	645	11	313	766	268	...	22964	61	\$32,231 00	\$131,053 00
1.	12	33	3975	2602	364	19	190	107	3289	70	17	163	42	3413	6	3413	6	\$ 2,276 00	\$15,535 00
2.	31	60	7789	4896	428	39	47	191	6413	102	3	67	190	6344	17	6344	17	10,155 00	30,409 00
3.	16	24	2891	1607	121	77	191	119	2422	100	2	82	50	2422	5	2422	5	2,953 00	10,614 00
4.	15	31	2256	1054	98	21	80	21	1882	19	2	6	57	1535	4	1535	4	1,474 00	8,645 00
5.	15	33	2414	1330	125	20	127	31	1768	33	2	16	45	1030	6	1030	6	4,025 00	6,701 00
6.	13	28	4655	3450	297	8	203	51	4061	72	2	115	25	2304	5	2304	5	2,739 00	16,082 00
7.	10	22	2923	1243	157	23	119	95	1922	52	1	76	50	2158	7	2158	7	2,723 00	10,874 00
8.	20	50	5197	2954	213	35	230	167	4465	187	26	76	41	3575	11	3575	11	4,691 00	29,874 00
9.	7	14	454	529	92	11	61	308	10	3	21	17	11	340	...	340	...	134 00	1,920 00
10.	3	3	56	51	4	...	14	14	43	...	...	...	3	70	...	70	...	69 00	466 00

VI. German Synod of East.

VI. German Synod of East.																				
	5	49	45	12640	7917	2308	19	783	600	9998	104	4	350	504	44	..	9170	12	\$9,571 00	\$83,380 00
1. New York	12	8	1746	1116	563	2	131	97	1404	34	41	136	7	1475	1	1475	1	\$2,566 00	\$19,631 00	
2. West New York	8	8	2408	1583	288	4	125	71	2151	8	4	97	123	7	1459	3	1,251 00	10,292 00		
3. German Philadelphia	17	18	5764	3519	909	12	400	306	4497	41	..	138	152	21	4746	7	4,489 00	39,510 00		
4. German Maryland	8	7	2363	1520	521	1	114	105	1793	6	..	63	91	7	1304	1	1,017 00	12,208 00		
5. West Pennsylvania	4	4	359	179	28	..	13	21	240	15	11	2	2	195	..	195	..	248 00	1,979 00	

VII. Central Synod.

vii. Central Synod.																				
	4	74	114	17233	10051	1183	53	834	745	12641	268	11	406	385	107	..	10444	34	\$9,513 00	\$95,637 00
1. Heidelberg	21	36	4179	2532	258	11	194	139	3283	38	5	72	108	35	2731	5	2731	5	\$3,600 00	\$16,692 00
2. Erie	23	29	4522	2771	403	2	235	246	3201	121	2	120	97	28	2974	20	2,922 00	29,097 00	21,222 00	29,097 00
3. St. John's	18	32	5619	3191	433	40	305	207	3614	88	4	111	129	30	3269	4	2,252 00	24,240 00	2,252 00	24,240 00
4. Cincinnati	12	17	2913	1551	195	..	100	153	2453	21	..	103	61	14	1530	5	1,430 00	25,068 00	1,430 00	25,068 00

VIII. Synod of Interior.

VIII. Synod of Interior.																			
	5	36	66	2793	1703	151	84	136	149	2661	71	70	31	57	288	2776	6	\$2,712 00	\$8,621 00
1. Illinois		9	23	938	544	39	20	58	9	613	9		9	21	110	892	1	\$1,507 00	\$3,900 00
2. Iowa		12	21	886	306	47	45	85	37	716	21	10	7	18	99	973	2	667 00	6,224 00
3. Kansas		9	11	680	448	41	8	47	71	490	24	44	11	8	33	579	1	335 00	4,933 00
4. Wichita		6	11	289	205	24	11	6	32	242	17	9	4	10	46	332	2	203 00	3,503 00
5. Lincoln																			

Grand Total—Synods, 8.

Grand Total—Synods, 8.	56	835	1554	200498	112486	14605	1595	10739	6561	155118	3007	55	3117	5107	1513	3967	138616	285	\$161,078 00	\$74,053 00
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*Lincoln Classis was organized April 10, 1890, at Lincoln, Nebraska, and its statistics are included in those of Iowa and Kansas Classes.

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Commu- nion.	Excommuni- cated.	Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday schools.	Officers and Teachers	Sunday-school Scholars.	Stud'ts Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Beneficent Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.
I. Eastern Synod.																			
1887	11	236	465	84210	46655	17362	1440	12818	5818	67593	3088	16,2235	7459	556	1120	56647	108	\$201,542	\$1,020,164
1888	11	222	466	80470	46430	5595	467	4304	2007	65505	1072	4 651	2399	548	52623	72	60,931	325,248	
1888	11	226	465	80631	47453	5791	461	4061	1796	66919	1010	9 801	2636	533	53975	98	69,178	373,933	
1889	11	236	465	84210	46655	5976	512	4453	2015	67593	1066	8 783	2424	556	56647	108	71,433	314,983	
II. Synod of Ohio.																			
1887	6	111	234	19748	6054	2334	1022	3601	2175	15769	1282	13 1688	978	203	2554	19019	28	\$40,603	\$288,807
1887	6	111	233	18678	5267	816	560	1162	671	14645	444	9 529	315	209	17737	26	13,203	84,010	
1888	6	106	233	19460	6284	856	511	1226	795	15674	361	1 441	345	205	2468	18491	21	14,687	73,883
1889	6	111	234	19748	6054	662	551	1213	709	15769	477	8 718	318	203	2554	19019	28	12,713	80,914
III. Synod of Northwest.																			
1887	10	123	201	17472	12626	4596	61	2769	2531	9381	531	49 915	1166	166	9009	22	\$37,408	\$222,050	
1887	10	118	167	15635	11398	1431	7	945	848	11237	207	15 334	342	163	8527	21	13,573	66,894	
1888	10	114	190	16747	12539	1828	23	837	669	11130	168	11 215	389	165	8838	22	11,641	71,693	
1889	10	123	201	17472	12626	1637	31	987	1014	9381	531	20 366	435	166	9009	22	12,194	83,463	
IV. Synod of Pittsburgh.																			
1887	5	64	131	14092	8514	2505	298	2130	1386	11070	912	4 628	731	111	8587	14	\$41,216	\$200,939	
1887	5	59	129	13051	9212	833	116	719	426	10593	326	1 261	285	98	7621	17	11,308	54,080	
1888	5	57	128	13354	9010	883	99	754	488	11047	252	2 256	212	105	8109	17	19,197	80,795	
1889	5	64	131	14092	8514	789	83	657	472	11072	334	3 111	234	111	8587	14	10,711	66,064	
V. Synod of Potomac.																			
1887	10	142	298	32310	18966	5584	784	4820	2380	26003	1761	18 772	2274	268	22964	61	\$99,324	\$571,142	
1887	10	147	292	30818	19483	1766	270	1637	750	26185	569	2 274	722	251	21899	35	30,366	116,321	
1888	10	144	297	31681	19400	1919	252	1547	773	25570	502	5 185	786	269	22966	47	36,727	123,768	
1889	10	142	296	32310	18966	1899	262	1636	857	26003	645	11 313	766	268	22964	61	32,231	131,053	
VI. German Synod of East.																			
1887	5	49	45	12640	7917	6500	47	2266	1850	9998	246	6 996	1362	44	9170	12	\$21,817	\$231,132	
1887	5	47	42	12708	7625	2060	11	733	597	9734	49	2 268	430	46	8704	8	6,223	76,106	
1888	5	47	44	12756	8023	2131	17	750	633	9613	93	3 378	428	45	9002	7	5,523	71,646	
1889	5	49	45	12640	7917	2308	19	783	600	9998	104	4 350	504	44	9170	12	9,571	83,389	
VII. Central Synod.																			
1887	4	74	114	17233	10051	3514	146	2861	1994	12641	704	33 1235	1175	107	10444	34	\$30,812	\$245,158	
1887	4	79	115	16589	10503	1115	40	822	642	12448	209	5 399	371	100	9910	25	8,769	67,190	
1888	4	80	116	16842	10861	1216	53	908	607	13038	227	17 430	409	106	10232	34	12,530	82,331	
1889	4	74	114	17233	10051	1183	53	834	745	12641	268	11 406	385	107	10444	34	9,513	95,637	
VIII. Synod of Interior.																			
1887	4	36	66	2793	1703	413	171	515	426	2061	176	171	105	57	258	6	\$7,403	\$51,553	
1887	4	39	68	2578	1518	127	29	120	110	1927	41	44	38	49	2702	3	2,924	16,476	
1888	4	39	62	2653	1619	135	58	199	167	2123	64	57	36	50	2670	4	1,707	16,456	
1889	4	36	66	2793	1703	151	84	196	149	2061	71	70	31	57	2776	6	2,712	18,621	
Grand Total—Synods, &c.		56	835	1554	200498	112486	42808	4569	31483	18558	155118	8700	139 8540	15290	1513	138616	285	\$479,625	\$2,580,945

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column, and also for the three years, ending in each instance with the date given :

	1878.	1881.	1884.	1887.	1890.
Synods	6	6	7	7	8
Classes	45	48	52	54	56
Ministers	710	752	783	802	835
Congregations	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481	1,554
Members	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980	200,498
Members unconfirmed	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,724	112,486
Baptisms—infants, each year	12,323	13,213	12,665	14,199	14,605
“ infants in three years	39,059	40,388	38,737	42,299	42,808
“ adults, given year	880	1,096	1,017	1,741	1,595
“ adults, in three years	1,882	3,362	3,088	4,254	4,569
Confirmed, given year	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733	10,759
“ in three years	26,733	28,240	27,223	30,558	31,483
Certificate, given year	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582	6,561
“ in three years	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472	18,558
Communed	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436	155,118
Dismissed, given year	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551	3,061
“ in three years	5,175	5,791	5,819	7,250	8,700
Excommunicated, given year	174	123	68	38	55
“ in three years		567	227	168	139
Erased, given year	512	1,593	1,699	2,381	3,117
“ in three years		3,869	5,351	6,301	8,640
Deaths given year	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638	5,107
“ in three years	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207	15,250
Sunday-schools	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422	1,513
Officers and Teachers					3,967
Sunday-school scholars	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695	138,616
Students for the ministry	157	141	145	186	285
Benevolent contributions, given year	\$61,727	\$73,400	\$101,148	\$141,122	\$161,078
“ “ in three years	207,417	194,869	327,888	382,493	479,625
Congregational purposes, given year	531,929	639,189	779,572	804,321	874,053
“ “ in three years	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228	2,580,945

NOTE.—Viewed in the light of the foregoing comparative tabular statement, it will be observed that the Reformed Church in the United States is making steady and substantial progress. In regard to the particulars designated the *gains* during the last three years, as compared with the triennial summary of 1887, are 1 synod, 2 classes, 33 ministers, 74 congregations, 16,518 members, 3,762 unconfirmed members, 509 infant baptisms, 315 adult baptisms, 925 confirmations, 2,086 by certificate, 8,682 communed, 91 Sunday-schools, 15,921 Sunday-school scholars, 99 students for the ministry, \$7,129 for benevolent purposes and \$282,717 for congregational purposes.

The total number of ministers is given as 835, which at present (September 1, 1890,) would be, if definitely known, between 850 and 860. During the last year, from May, 1889, to May, 1890 about 33 young men graduated from our theological seminaries, and 8 or 10 were received from other sources. The graduates meanwhile, have been mostly licensed, and many of them already ordained and engaged in the practical work of the ministry. The names of some do not appear in the statistical tables, as they could not be obtained in time to be inserted. Hence the total number is larger than therein reported. There still is room for more efficiency and exactness in the preparation of the statistical reports.—*Stated Clerk.*

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Aecola, Oswald E., Humboldt, Neb.
 Aecola, Dr. Oswald J., New Philadelphia, O.
 Addams, George E., Aaronsburg, Pa.
 Aigner, Francis.
 Albright, Daniel B., Orwigsburg, Pa.
 Albright, Daniel W., Reading, Pa.
 Albright, John H., Bremen, O.
 Alspach, Charles B., Pleasantville, Pa.
 Alspach, Joel W., Everett, Pa.
 Alt, Solomon A., Fulton, Mich.
 Andreas, Henry, La Crosse, Wis.
 Appel, Richard S., Hamburg, Pa.
 Appel, Dr. Theodore, Lancaster, Pa.
 Apple, Andrew T. G., Washington, D. C.
 Apple, Dr. Joseph H., Charlesville, Pa.
 Apple, Dr. Thomas G., Lancaster, Pa.
 Arnold, John, Sutton, Neb.
 Assman, Robert G., Hazleton, Pa.
 Aughinbaugh, Dr. Geo. W., Mercersburg, Pa.
 Amman, William T., Bloomsburg, Pa.

Bacher, Theodore J., Nottawa, Mich.
 Bachman, Adam J., Schaefferstown, Pa.
 Bachman, James N., Lynnport, Pa.
 Bachman, John, Cincinnati, O.
 Bachman, Marcus, Baltimore, Md.
 Badertscher, Christian, St. Mary, O.
 Baeder, Andrew, Berne, Ind.
 Bahner, Franklin F., Waynesborough, Pa.
 Baichly, Alpheus E., Farmersville, O.
 Bailey, Henry S., White Pigeon, Mich.
 Bair, Henry, Forreston, Ill.
 Balliet, John T., Timberville, Va.
 Bank, Charles, New Brunswick, N. J.
 Barber, Joseph W., Payne, O.
 Barkley, Thomas J., Gettysburg, Pa.
 Barringer, Paul, China Grove, N. C.
 Barth, Sebastian, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Bartholomew, Abraham, Leighton, Pa.
 Bartholomew, Allen R., Pottsville, Pa.
 Bartholomew, Calvin E., Cressona, Pa.
 Bates, William H., Johnstown, Pa.
 Baum, Christian, Lima, O.
 Bauman, Adolph H., Oakland, California.
 Bauman, Elias, Portland, Oregon.
 Bauman, Fred C., Zwingli, Iowa.
 Bauman, John N., Delmont, Pa.
 Bausman, Dr. Benjamin, Reading, Pa.
 Bausman, Benj. F., Arendtsville, Pa.
 Beade, Jonathan C., Columbus Junction, Ia.
 Beam, Henry L., Dakota, Ill.
 Beam, Dr. Samuel Z., St. Clairsville, Pa.
 Beck, Edward M., Wooster, O.
 Beck, John H., Orrville, O.
 Becker, Augustus, Cleveland, O.
 Becker, Charles, Florence, Ind.
 Becker, Charles, Allentown, Pa.
 Becker, Cyrus J., Catasaqua, Pa.
 Becker, Philip, South Whitley, Ind.
 Beinhauer, John C.
 Bell, Joseph M.
 Beisser, Gottlieb, Spencerville, O.
 Berkey, Alfred G., Upper Sandusky, O.
 Berleman, Fred W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Beyer, Christian E., W. Philadelphia, Pa.
 Biefield, Herman, Frederick, Md.
 Biery, Benj. F., (lie.) Orefield, Pa.
 Biery, John, Kelley's Island, O.
 Binkley, Henry K., Reading, Pa.
 Black, Albert A., Bouldsburg, Pa.
 Bloom, Nathan W., Reedsburg, O.
 Boley, Adam, Williamsport, Pa.
 Bollenbacher, Jacob, Elmore, Wis.
 Bolliger, Abraham, New Basel, Kans.
 Bollman, William, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Bomberger, Henry A., York, Pa.

Bomberger, John H., Columbiana, O.
 Bonekemper, Calvin, Manitowoc, Wis.
 Bonekemper, William, Sutton, Neb.
 Borchers, Conrad, Cumberland, Md.
 Bower, Thomas J., St. Clair, Pa.
 Bowling, Robert C., Kittanning, Pa.
 Bowman, John C., Hanover, Pa.
 Braun, Jacob B., Duncan, Neb.
 Braun, William, Wheeling, W. Va.
 Brecht, John J., Sank City, Wis.
 Brendle, Dr. Daniel F., Bethlehem, Pa.
 Brensinger, Morris H., Fleetwood, Pa.
 Bretz, John L., Canal Fulton, O.
 Bridenbaugh, Samuel R., Norristown, Pa.
 Brown, Franklin W., N. Washington, Pa.
 Brown, James R., Rebersburg, Pa.
 Brown, Simon P., Chapman, Pa.
 Bruenger, Henry, Monticello, Wis.
 Brigger, Louis, Wausau, Wis.
 Brunner, Casper, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Brunoehl, Ernst, New Holstein, Wis.
 Burger, Isalah N., Jenner X Roads, Pa.
 Busche, Dr. John F., New York City.
 Buser, John H., Leighton, Iowa.
 Butler, Joseph F., Imogene, Iowa.
 Butz, Raymond E., Allentown, Pa.

Callender, Dr. Samuel N., Mt. Crawford, Va.
 Carnahan, Barton R., Jefferson, Md.
 Casselman, Amos, Lyons, Kans.
 Cecil, Jesse W., Thomasville, N. C.
 Christ, Jacob, Waukon, Iowa.
 Christman, David M., Mt. Eaton, O.
 Christman, Morris W., Allentown, Pa.
 Clapp, Dr. Jacob C., Newton, N. C.
 Clayton, Lewis B., Hudson, Ind.
 Clever, Dr. Conrad, Baltimore, Md.
 Clebentz, Lloyd E., Altoona, Pa.
 Clouser, Wm. W., White Deer Mills, Pa.
 Cook, Henry E., (lie.) Hagerstown, Md.
 Coon, Charles H., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Cort, Cyrus, Greencastle, Pa.
 Cort, Lucian, Greensburg, Pa.
 Crawford, Dr. James, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Cremer, William C., Chambersburg, Pa.
 Crist, John J., Catasaqua, Pa.
 Crooks, Robert F., China Grove, N. C.
 Crum, Robert E., Dubois, Pa.

Dahlman, Abr. Emil, Philadelphia, Pa.
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 Daniel, Horace, Nazareth, Pa.
 Danner, John A., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
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 Deatrich, Wm. R. H., New Bloomfield, Pa.
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 Deatrick, Prof. Wm. W., Rimersburg, Pa.
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 Dechant, Augustus L., Pennsburg, Pa.
 Dechant, George B., Catawissa, Pa.
 Delancy, Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.
 De Long, John F., Reading, Pa.
 De Lyre, Theodore G., Lancaster, Pa.
 Dengler, James G., Sellersville, Pa.
 Denny, Melchior, Bernstadt, Ky.
 Derr, Joshua H., Catawissa, Pa.
 Derr, Levi K., Reading, Pa.
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 Dietrich, Josiah D., Flouertown, Pa.
 Dieckman, Henry, Titusville, Pa.
 Dieckman, Dr. John F. II., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Dieckman, William, New Bremen, O.
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 Diefenderfer, Moses H., Allentown, Pa.
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 Dippell, Peter H., Philadelphia, Pa.
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 Dolch, Gustavus, Bakersville, O.
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 Dotterer, John, Madisonburg, Pa.
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 Dubbs, Dr. Joseph H., Lancaster, Pa.
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 Henry, Jerome B., Norristown, Pa.
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 Herbruck, Emil P., Canton, O.
 Herbruck, Dr. Peter, Canton, O.
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 Herbst, J. Amandus.
 Herman, Alfred J., Maxatawny, Pa.
 Herman, Dr. Henry M., Miamisburg, O.
 Herold, Julius, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Herzog, Jacob, Jackson, Wis.
 Heusser, Herman, Vera Cruz, Ind.
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 Hibshman, Edwin C., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Hibshman, Dr. H. H. W., Tiffin, O.
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 Horn, Alfred P., Summit Hill, Pa.
 Horstmeier, Wm. F., St. Louis, Mo.
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 Kalbfleisch, Frederick, Turner, O.
 Kanne, Augustus, Horn, Iowa.
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 Keller, Reuben, Germano, O.
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 Kendig, John M., Canfield, O.
 Kercher, John, La Rose, Ill.
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Kerschner, Jacob B., Conyngham, Pa.
 Kerschner, Lewis M., North Lima, O.
 Kerschner, William J., Reading, Pa.
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 Kessler, Tobias, Allentown, Pa.
 Kester, Joseph, Lykens, O.
 Ketrow, John A., Tremont City, O.
 Keyser, Henry A., Mahanoy City, Pa.
 Kieffer, Dr. Harry M., Easton, Pa.
 Kieller, Prof. John B., (lic.) Lancaster, Pa.
 Kieffer, Dr. J. Spangler, Hagerstown, Md.
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 Klein, David G., Adams, Pa.
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ADDENDUM.

On motion, at the request of Philadelphia Classis, the following action respecting an adjustment of the Home Missionary interests in the United States was adopted by the General Synod at Lebanon, viz:

This General Synod overtures the General Council of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, to convene at Toronto, in 1892, to take into consideration the adjustment of the Home Missionary interests of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in the United States, as that Alliance has already so wisely and efficiently done in the unification of the Mission Churches in heathen lands, so that some arrangement may be entered into by which there may be less interference, less expense and greater efficiency in the Master's work.

In view of the many and delicate difficulties that may arise, we would respectfully suggest that some such plan be pursued as was carried out by the Alliance in dealing with Foreign Missions: First, that the Council, through its committee, enter into correspondence with the various Home Missionary Boards of these churches, asking co-operation and inviting suggestions. Second, that a plan be formulated that may be approved by these boards. Third, that this plan, thus approved, be submitted to the next Council to be held after 1892. Fourth, that this plan, when ratified by the highest judicatories of the different denominations, be entered into by as many churches as approve it.

We would respectfully submit the following problems as worthy of consideration and needing adjustment: 1. A plan by which, in cities, congregations of the same language shall not be located within a certain distance of each other, lest they interfere with one another's work. 2. A plan of agreement by which a second denomination shall not come into a city unless the city exceeds a certain size, thus giving room for another congregation of the Presbyterian or Reformed order, or unless the original congregation or congregations have attained to a certain numerical or financial strength. 3. A plan of agreement by which, in case of a division in any Reformed or Presbyterian congregation, another allied denomination may not organize a new congregation out of the seceders, unless the old congregation has attained to a certain numerical or financial strength, or unless agreed to by the presbytery or classis of the old as well as the new denomination. 4. A plan of agreement by which neighboring weak congregations, whether in large cities or sparsely settled country districts, but of different denominations, may be united or supplied, and thus made strong and self-supporting.

NOTE.—Along with the adoption of item 18 in the report of the Standing Committee on Minutes of English Classes, referred to on pages 24 and 25 of these minutes, the foregoing overture was adopted. This overture, through some misunderstanding oversight or neglect, did not come into the possession of the Stated Clerk until the last week in August, when already 192 pages of the minutes were printed. Hence it had to be embodied here instead of at its proper place.—*Stated Clerk.*

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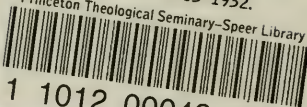
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